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## To check in the mail for property tax refund

The City Council  
voted requests to extend  
statute of limitations on  
g for return of a  
transfer tax that was ruled  
illegal.

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Those who  
bought or sold a home more than  
a year ago will not receive a re-  
fund check for the cost of the  
property transfer tax, despite  
a ruling from the California  
Supreme Court that the tax is  
illegal. A City Council member  
voted to extend the statute of limita-  
tions on filing claims for the re-  
fund.

Six people asked the council  
to return money to people who  
paid a property transfer tax af-  
ter June 2001, the time when a  
California Supreme Court deci-  
sion made the tax illegal in El  
Cerrito, according to tax watch-  
dog groups.

Bill Olivito, a representative  
of the watchdog group El Cer-  
rito Citizens Alliance, said that  
after the June 2001 ruling, the  
city's only proper course of  
action would have been to notify  
homeowners immediately about the  
illegality of the taxes and to let  
them file claims under the three-  
year statute of limitations for re-  
funds dating back to June 1998.

Nothing less is fraud and  
an attempt to theft from the citi-  
zens of El Cerrito," Olivito said.  
The protests stem from the  
city's decision to repeal the  
property transfer tax in Aug.  
as a result of the Citizens Al-  
liance questioning the legality  
of the tax.

Many El Cerrito residents  
have been able to get a refund  
amounting to about \$3,500 on  
a \$100,000 home. The city has  
deducted more than \$600,000,  
according to financial services man-  
ager Brian Foster.

But many residents are out-  
side the one-year statute of limita-  
tions on filing claims for refunds.  
This has angered some resi-  
dents who think that the city's  
decision to inform people about the  
2001 and its not allowing  
refunds before the one-year  
statute of limitations amounts to  
fraud. On Wednesday,  
the council asked the council to change  
the statute.

President Nancy Teese said a  
refund of hers could pay for a con-  
sultation for medicine with the  
city that the city took. The  
city didn't find out about the  
statute until after the statute of  
limitations had expired, and  
the refunds to be ex-  
tended to June 2001.

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Poll folks

ALBANY VOTERS turned out to make their choices in the recall election Tuesday at City Hall. Here, Linna Fang signs in before voting with polling-place volunteer Nick Lavrov. Below, Esther Wyss-Flamm considers the ballot while her children Maya, left, and Theo keep themselves occupied.



## Albany part of effort to create shore ball fields

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

Albany is at the forefront of a  
movement to create a regional  
governing body that would over-  
see the creation and operation of  
ball fields on East Bay Regional  
Park District land, specifically 16  
acres located south of Gilman  
Street and west of the Interstate  
80 in Berkeley.

Council members from Al-  
bany, El Cerrito, Berkeley, Rich-  
mond and Emeryville and possi-  
bly other jurisdictions would  
form the joint powers authority,  
which would be known as the  
East Bay Sports Field Recreation  
Authority.

The 16-acre parcel is worth  
about \$12 million. For sports  
groups that have few places to  
play, being able to use it for or-  
ganized sports is a "once in a life-  
time opportunity," said David  
Pruess, the vice president of the  
Albany Little League.

"It's a huge benefit to the  
community if it really is a priori-  
ty to have," said Robert Doyle,  
the assistant general manager of  
the parks district. "If there's not  
a priority to have outdoor sports

fields, there's plenty of other uses  
that could happen out there."

The park district doesn't op-  
erate facilities for organized  
sports, but it will lease the prop-  
erty at practically no cost if a city  
or cities put up the money to con-  
struct the fields and operate them.

Albany was poised to become  
the first city to agree to be a part  
of the joint powers agreement  
Tuesday night, but the City Coun-  
cil delayed an approval after the  
JPA was criticized by environmen-  
talists.

Robert Cheasty, president of  
the Citizens for Eastshore Park  
and Norman La Force, chairman  
of the public lands committee for  
the East Bay public lands com-  
mittee for the Sierra Club both  
spoke against the creation of the  
joint powers authority at the  
council meeting.

Among other things, they said  
the JPA would wield too much  
power, allowing it to override en-  
vironmental concerns. In addi-  
tion, a clause stating the JPA  
needed to generate sufficient rev-

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## Mad rush for best kindergartens is on

■ Parents convinced the  
journey to Harvard starts in  
short pants gear up to  
panic over admission to  
area's top private schools

By Carrie Ching  
CORRESPONDENT

For the next round of kind-  
ergarten hopefuls, October — the  
month when most East Bay pri-  
vate schools begin campus tours —  
is when the admissions  
process kicks into full gear. Par-  
ents hoping to secure their child's  
success early in life spend a year  
or longer working the private  
school circuit in search of the  
perfect fit. Those who have gone  
through it know it can be a  
stressful time for both parent and  
child.

"We couldn't get into a private  
kindergarten of our choice,"  
wrote one desperate mother ear-  
lier this year on the Online Guide  
to Bay Area Private Schools mes-  
sage board (BAPri-  
vateSchools.com).

"We got on the wait list but

couldn't go further ... This school  
choosing thing is sorta like a se-  
cret society. One I don't have a  
password for." The message was  
signed KensingtonMom. Her top-  
choice school: Windrush in El  
Cerrito.

These sentiments were re-  
flected in many of the postings  
on BAPriPrivateSchools.com, as  
well as on other message boards  
such as the Berkeley Parents Net-  
work (parents.berkeley.edu). The  
most sought-after and selective  
K-8 private schools in the East  
Bay include Windrush, Prospect  
Sierra and Bentley.

An average of 15 percent of  
the kindergarteners in Contra  
Costa and Alameda counties —  
about 5,000 children — enroll in  
private schools every year, ac-  
cording to the California De-  
partment of Education. Kinder-  
garten tuition at private schools  
in the area can range from  
\$9,000 to \$15,000 a year. But just  
having the money on hand isn't  
enough to get kids in the door.

According to Cheryl Olsen, di-

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## Documentary looks at homeless on Bulb

■ Award-winning film  
chronicles homeless camp,  
1999 eviction by police

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The 53-minute  
documentary "Bums' Paradise"  
is full of familiar sights to any-  
one who lives in the area: con-  
dominiums on Albany Hill, views  
of the Golden Gate Bridge and  
the Bay.

But the documentary isn't in-  
tended to capture the beauty of  
Albany. Instead it's a story many  
people may not know: that of the

homeless who lived at the Albany  
landfill — the "bulb" — before  
they were evicted in late summer  
1999.

Berkeley resident Tomas Mc-  
Cabe directed and produced the  
film and worked on it for three  
years until its release in 2002. It's  
available on DVD and will screen  
Oct. 16 at the Red Vic in San  
Francisco.

"I think your average person  
on the street needs to see this  
film," said McCabe, a lanky fel-  
low wearing a flannel orange-  
and-black checkered shirt and  
glasses. "So many homeless peo-  
ple are faceless — you don't get

to know homeless people."

The film documents the living  
conditions, artwork and philoso-  
phies of the people who lived at  
the Albany bulb.

The residents talk about their  
lives, how the people looked out  
for each other. One man, "Jim-  
bow the Hobow," reads poetry  
about his alienation from main-  
stream society.

"Mad" Mark discusses the  
television show "Rocky and Bull-  
winkle" as the inspiration for a  
castle he builds from discarded  
concrete slabs.

"This landfill stands as a  
brooding monument to obsoles-

cence," says Robert "Rabbit" Bar-  
ringer, the movie's narrator and  
main guide. "What could be a  
more appropriate refuge for  
America's unused people? Here,  
they can be hidden away from a  
society which regards them as a  
nuisance and an eyesore."

Some of the bleak images of  
the homeless are contrasted with  
images of people dining and re-  
laxing at outdoor cafes. Giving a  
voice to the homeless so people  
can see them as human beings  
was a big motivation for making  
the movie, McCabe said.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

AKER TOMAS MCCABE at the Albany Bulb Tuesday, Oct. 7. McCabe co-directed "Bums' Paradise," a documentary about the landfill encampment of homeless people.

### A word to parents

■ No matter what your style as  
mom or dad, there's a book to  
match. Page A3

### 'Beanomania'

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garden. Page A8



### Martin Snapp

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE



## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany

## Financial fitness seminar

The Albany Chamber of Commerce and Flora Tso offer a seminar Oct. 14, from noon to 1 p.m., on "Strategies for Financial Fitness." Topics include cash and risk management, and strategies for tax, retirement, and estate investment. Held at the chamber, 1108 Solano Ave., the seminar is free, but registration is required. Register by phone 415-276-2113, or e-mail: Flora.Tso@axa-advisors.com.

## Community clean-up planned

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in a clean-up day at the Albany Library/Community Center and the Ohlone Greenway on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants should wear warm clothes, sturdy shoes, and work gloves. For more information, call Ely Hwang at 510-559-7225.

## Berkeley

## College Information Day set at UC

The 26th annual College Information Day for sixth- to 12th-grade students and parents takes place Saturday, Oct. 18, at Wheeler Hall at UC Berkeley, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The day will include more than 60 public and private college and university representatives, plus workshops in English and Spanish on admission requirements, financial aid and scholarships, and much more. For more information, call 510-879-8367. Pre-register at [www.eastbayconsortium.org](http://www.eastbayconsortium.org).

## El Cerrito

## Harvest Supper benefits legal advocacy

The West Contra Costa branch of the American Association of University Women will hold a Harvest Supper on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave. The speaker is a litigant who has been sponsored by the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, who will share her experiences.

The \$12 fee covers soup, salad and dessert. Proceeds go to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. Contact Miriam Oshiro 510-235-8843.

## Torlakson, Hancock at ECDC meeting

The El Cerrito Democratic Club annual dinner in October will have the theme, "Fighting for democracy, not just Democrats." It will take place Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Assembly member Loni Hancock and State Sen. Tom Torlakson will provide an update on the recall election. For details visit [www.ecdclub.org](http://www.ecdclub.org) or phone: 510-527-2194.

## Area LWV chapter adopts new name

The League of Women Voters — West Contra Costa County is the new name for the former League of Women Voters — Richmond Area. The group has changed its name to better reflect the area it serves, according to a press release. The area served includes Kensington, El Cerrito, Richmond, El Sobrante, San Pablo, Pinole, Hercules and Rodeo. The league will not meet in October, but its members are encouraged to attend a meeting at Contra Costa College, featuring 14th district Assemblywoman Loni Hancock on Oct. 15 at noon in Room 101 of the Health Sciences Building. The college is at 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. Details: 510-235-7800.

## School group begins book-reading season

The El Cerrito High School book group the Pageturners, has chosen "Speak" by Laurie Halse Anderson as its first book of the year. Boadecia's Books on Colusa Avenue will have copies of the book at a 10 percent discount and Paula Gocker in room 604 has discounted books, too.

The group's next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in room 604 at El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave. Students, teachers, parents and siblings are all welcome. For more information, call 510-524-9560.

## Come learn about crime prevention panel

A presentation about the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m., at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Find out who the members are, what they do, and how they are helping to make the city a safer place. Learn what programs they offer, such as identity theft protection and bicycle registration and how you can become involved.

El Cerrito Police Detective Robert Pierson and Michael Chamberlain, a member of the committee, will give the presentation. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

## CORRECTIONS

In the Arts & Leisure story on Oct. 3 about the play "Stretch Marks," playwright-actress Christine Garofoli's name was misspelled.

The Journal corrects all significant factual errors that come to the editors' attention. Reporters' and editors' phone numbers are listed on page A2. To report an error, please call the reporter responsible, or the editor at 510-262-2724. Or e-mail: [journal@cc-times.com](mailto:journal@cc-times.com).

## ALBANY POLICE

## Monday, Sept. 29

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Sacramento police reported locating a silver '95 Acura stolen from Albany. It had been partially stripped, wrecked and the rear license plate was missing. They did not have anyone in custody. The owner was notified.

## Wednesday, Oct. 1

■ **THIEF CHASED** — At about 4 a.m. a thief broke into a red '94 Ford Explorer parked on the 600 block of San Gabriel Street, setting off the alarm. The vehicle owner was awakened and chased the thief. He was last seen departing in a silver SUV with an orange and black paper plate and being driven by another subject.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 5 p.m. officers stopped a rust-colored '78 Cadillac at Golden Gate Fields on the 1100 block of Eastshore Highway for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 50-year-old Oakland man, was found to have a warrant from Oakland in the amount of \$5,000. He was arrested, cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **BEER STOLEN** — The manager of a store on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that at about 7:15 p.m. a man grabbed a beer and ran out of the store. He was last seen near Washington Avenue.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Thieves stole a bicycle from a residence on the 800

block of Pomona Avenue.

■ **LICENSE PLATE STOLEN** — Thieves stole the rear license plate off a white '90 Ford Tempo, belonging to an Oakland resident, that was parked on the 900 block of Neilson Street.

## Thursday, Oct. 2

■ **DUI** — At about 3:30 a.m. officers stopped a silver '03 Mitsubishi near San Pablo and Brighton Avenues for erratic driving. They arrested the driver, a 20-year-old San Leandro woman, for DUI. She was cited and released.

■ **FLAT TIRE** — Officers responded to the area of Neilson and Francis streets on reports of a white '00 Chevrolet that had been observed driving recklessly. It had apparently hit the curb, causing damage to the tire. The occupants of the car were trying to change the tire and were acting suspiciously. Upon investigation, officers learned that the driver, a 15-year-old Berkeley boy, did not have a driver's license. He was arrested, cited and released to his foster parent.

## Friday, Oct. 3

■ **NEIGHBORHOOD THIEF** — At about 11:30 a.m. a resident on the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard reported she had just interrupted a subject who was stealing the stereo from her gray '91 Plymouth Voyager. The thief threw a CD case at her and ran. Officers responded and apprehended

## EL CERRITO POLICE

## Sunday, Sept. 20

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 23-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and for having a warrant for burglary at 6:50 a.m. Police spotted the man riding a bicycle and contacted him because he wasn't wearing a helmet, which is illegal in the city. Police did a routine warrant check and tested the man for methamphetamines. He was booked and transported to the Martinez jail.

## Saturday, Sept. 27

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1991 Honda Civic was recovered on the 10800 block of San Pablo Avenue. The vehicle had been stolen out of Richmond on Sept. 11.

■ **BURGLARY** — A rug was stolen from a home on the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue between 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday, Sept. 28

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A blue 1986 van was stolen from the 1700 block of Walnut Avenue between 9 p.m. on Sept. 28 and midnight the next day.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 49-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possessing and being under the influence of a controlled substance at 6:40 p.m. The man was searched by police and tested after he was seen rummaging through a garbage bin at El Cerrito Plaza.

■ **BURGLARY** — Two laptop computers and digital cameras were taken during a real estate open house on the 1700 block of Elm Street between 2:30 and 4 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A tan 1985 Toyota truck was stolen from the 700 block of Liberty Street between 8 p.m. on Sept. 28 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

## Monday, Sept. 29

■ **BURGLARY** — Tools were taken from a locked garage on the 2600 block of Ellershot Street between 5 p.m. on Sept. 27 and 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 29.

■ **BURGLARY** — Property was taken from a home on the 6400 block of Alta Vista Drive between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The front door was kicked open.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A white 1986 Cressida was taken from the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue between 1 and 6:35 p.m.

## Tuesday, Sept. 30

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1989 Mazda pickup truck was stolen from the 6500 block of Manila Avenue between 10 p.m. on Sept. 29 and 6:30 a.m. on Sept. 30.

■ **BURGLARY** — Liquor, credit cards, blank checks and jewelry were taken from a home on the 2600 block of Yuba Street between 7:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A gold 1993

the 34-year-old Albany man, who lived near the woman's residence. He was arrested for burglary, possession of burglary tools, assault and misappropriation of found property. He was transported to the Berkeley Jail.

## Saturday, Oct. 4

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 12:30 a.m. officers responded to reports of two subjects trying to start a fight with someone inside a bar on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. They arrested a 30-year-old Oakland man for disorderly conduct. About 20 minutes later they arrested a 33-year-old San Francisco man for the same infraction. They were both cited and released.

■ **SUSPENDED LICENSE** — At about 10:30 a.m. officers observed a 44-year-old Albany who was known to have a suspended license woman driving a black '89 Ford Ranger on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. She was arrested and released.

■ **RESTRaining ORDER VIOLATION** — At about noon a resident on the 700 block of Johnson Street reported a vandal had broken out the side window of her silver Ford Probe. Officers arrested a 43-year-old Walnut Creek man who had a restraining order preventing him from contact with the resident. During the arrest a search of the vehicle found numerous needles and marijuana, according to the report. He was cited for violation of a restraining order, unlawful possession of a syringe and possession

of drugs and taken to Santa

## Sunday, Oct.

■ **NOISY NEIGHBOR** — At about 1:30 a.m. Albany dispatch received a call from a resident on the 800 block of Solano Avenue reporting the man was loitering in the bushes near the stairs. She said that he had been there for several days. Officers investigated and the man appeared calm. About 10 minutes later the woman called and reported that the man had been calling her obscene names. Officers separated the parties, and the woman called again to report hearing banging near the stairs. Officers arrested a 30-year-old man, who lived near the woman, for disorderly

## Summary

During the week of Sept. 28, there were four calls, responded to false alarms, attended to the animals, assisted one person was locked out of his car and responded to four reports of the dogs. In the domestic arena, responded to 24 civil disturbances and 110 civil assists. Officers responded to 96 vehicle or persons investigations and 31 warnings. Firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and two medical emergencies.

Nissan Sentra was taken from the 1800 block of Arlington Boulevard between 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

## Wednesday, Oct. 1

■ **BURGLARY** — Jewelry was taken from a home on the 7400 block of Fairmont Avenue between noon and 5:30 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Property and clothing worth a total of \$90 were stolen from a 2001 Dodge Intrepid at El Cerrito Plaza between 5:05 and 5:35 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A green 1994 Ford Explorer was taken from the south parking lot of El Cerrito Plaza between 7:45 and 7:55 p.m. The vehicle was left unlocked and the keys were in the ignition. It was later located on the 500 block of Talbot Street in Albany.

## Saturday, Oct. 4

■ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** — A 37-year-old Oakland woman was arrested on suspicion of assaulting her boyfriend with a knife after police responded to a report of a woman and man fighting at 7:33 p.m. When police arrived, they located the couple standing next to a parked car. The boyfriend had a cut on his face that had been caused by his girlfriend, according to police. Witnesses told police the woman had armed herself

with a knife and threatened the man. Police found a stolen purse and transported her to Martinez Jail.

■ **ROBBERY** — A 19-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of robbery after he was stopped at a store at Target at 8:36 a.m. The man was pushed and choked an employee when he was confronted and store with the merchandise placed in a bag. Police arrested the man in front of the business and took him to the Martinez Jail.

## Sunday, Oct.

■ **CARJACKING** — A man matched the description of a car-jacking suspect was arrested at San Pablo Avenue and Telegraph Avenue in Richmond at 10:33 p.m. while trying to hide behind a car. An El Cerrito police officer told the man after hearing a report from Richmond police of a car-jacking at San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard. The officer found suspected narcotics at the man's apartment in the area where the man was hiding. The 36-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, property, burglar tools and theft. He was booked and taken to the Martinez Jail.

— Alan

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# Neighbors



Pioneering sons

A GROUP OF WEBELOS, fourth- and fifth-grade Boy Scouts, work on a Pioneering project at Camp Herms in El Cerrito during the Webelos Woods overnight event, on Sept. 27. More than 100 parents and their sons gathered for the event, where the boys had a chance to cook their own food, work on Webelos badges and games and practice Pioneering and Orienteering under the supervision of a staff of Scouts and adult supervisors.

## ACES & PLACES

From Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., came word this week that Marja-Liisa Perbeck of Richmond was named to the college's Dean's list during the 2003 spring semester.

It is the second-highest honor for academic achievement, requiring a grade point average above 3.3.

**Laurel Balyeat Morrison**, pastor of New Life Church in El Cerrito, writes to tell us about a free concert "for people of all ages" on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Fairmont School Auditorium in El Cerrito.

The program will include contemporary, gospel and classical music, and feature musicians and dancers from Bennington, a multiracial symphony, and the Life Church of El Cerrito. Liberty Hills Missionary Baptist Church of Berkeley. A reception follows.

The Rev. Joseph Washington, minister of music at New Life Church, will direct the program. Washington, the son of a minister, grew up playing piano and singing in churches as long as I can remember.

Washington's experiences in composing music, singing and directing choirs have ranged from the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the Episcopal Church.

And he's known for exciting during Sunday worship celebrations. "I just love having a good time!"

The Fairmont School auditorium is located at 724 Kearney St., across from the El Cerrito Library. Call Pastor Laurel Balyeat Morrison at 510-868-1935 for more details.

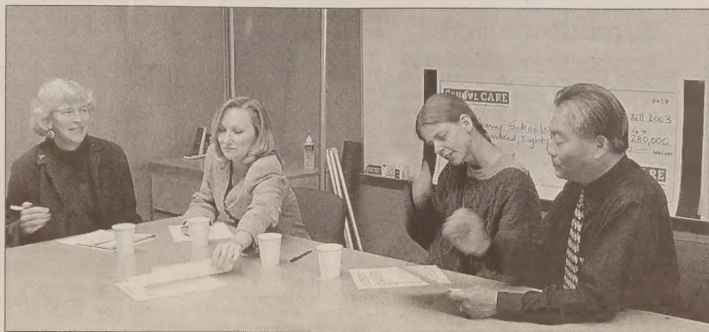
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Caring community

**THE COMMUNITY NONPROFIT** group Albany SchoolCARE has raised about \$280,000 for the Albany Unified School District; this week they presented a check to district officials. From left: Sue Mellers, SchoolCARE treasurer meets with Margaret Romero, assistant superintendent of business services, Miriam Walden, school board president, and William Wong, superintendent of schools. The money, raised mainly from school families with some from local businesses, will restore the equivalent of about five full-time teaching or staff positions.

rium is located at 724 Kearney St., across from the El Cerrito Library. Call Pastor Laurel Balyeat Morrison at 510-868-1935 for more details.

"I'm off to Jazzercise," kids are used to hearing their moms say. Now, the kids have a reason to go, too. **Janie Vitale**, owner of the Jazzercise Fitness Center on San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito, tells us that the center now offers Junior Jazzercise, a program for boys and girls ages 4-16.

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## Panties, pranks recalled at Class of '58's reunion

**C**OME WITH ME now to the year 1958. It was a more gracious, more innocent time that's gone with the wind, never to return.

But I had the pleasure of living in it vicariously for a few days last weekend, when I hung out at the Cal Class of '58's 45th reunion.

What stories they told! I heard about the Great Panty Raid of 1956. "We had to go to the lobby of the Ad Building (now called Sproul Hall) the next day to pick out our underwear," recalled Carla Samson Lowe of Sacramento.

"Panties were considered a prize," added Ron Wizener of Kensington, who was one of the raiders that day. "But the real coup was if you got a merry widow!" — a sort of corsetlike contraption.

In a classic beauty-and-the-beast match, Carla, who was a Homecoming Princess, Oski Doll and Daffodil Queen, married Brook Lowe, winner of the Ugly Legs Contest.

But first, he had to give her his fraternity pin in an elaborate, time-honored ritual.

"Pinning ceremonies always took place on Monday nights, which was dress-up night at the sororities," she recalled. "We would sit in a circle, everyone trying to guess who was getting pinned."

"A lighted candle, in the color of the guy's fraternity, would be passed from girl to girl until it came to the one who was being pinned. She'd blow it out, and the rest of us would start screaming and crying and congratulating her."

"Her sorority 'big sister' would pin the pin on her sweater. Then the guys from his fraternity would gather on our front porch and serenade us. And we'd serenade them back."

Retired Air Force Col. Don Kosovac of Point Richmond and Jack Saroyan, a dentist in San Francisco, were fraternity brothers in Pi Kappa Alpha. They recalled spending weeks before each Big Game plotting how to tear down the goal posts.

"It's not as easy as it looks," said Saroyan. "You had to plan how to rush out on the field, how to block other people from getting there first, and how to sway the goal posts back and forth to create enough momentum to break them."

"Those goal posts are still hanging from the rafters of the frat house!" Kosovac added proudly.

Back then, you could drive all the way up to Sather Gate, where you'd buy ice cream



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

## Despite popular myth, social consciousness at Cal didn't start with the Free Speech Movement.

from the Crunchy Munchy Man. ("Great after lunch!" said the jingle.) The most popular major among female students — or "coeds," as they were called — was home economics.

Sorority girls weren't allowed to wear Bermuda shorts in public or they'd get "campused" the following weekend. (And those who didn't have dates loved to "campus" the ones who did.) The strongest stuff at Larry Blake's was 3.2 beer.

But it wasn't all collegiate hijinks. Despite popular myth, social consciousness at Cal didn't start with the Free Speech Movement. Earl Robinson of Oakland, the only African-American on the basketball team, recalled a game against USC. Some of the USC players hurled racial taunts at him.

In the locker room after the game, coach Pete Newell noticed that swingman Joe Kapp (who is more famous as the quarterback who led Cal to its last Rose Bowl) was missing.

"Where's Joe?" he said. They finally found him — in the opposing team's locker room, beating up the USC players who had uttered the taunts.

"That's the thing that made us such a good team," said Robinson. "We were so supportive of each other."

And it says something about a university that its graduates love it so dearly. At the end of the reunion, when the Glee Club sang the alma mater, "Hail to California," there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Fighting 'neath her standard/We shall sure prevail/California, alma mater/Hail! Hail! Hail!

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## THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

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## Dear Readers: Write!

THE PROPOSED removal of several U.S. Postal Service mailboxes in El Cerrito brings up some interesting points. In fact, the issue seems to put a spotlight on the intersection of two trends: the rise of identity theft, and the decline of the art of letter-writing.

Both trends are sad commentaries on modern life. It's an odious idea that thieves out there want more than your money or other property — that they want your very name and all its attendant important identifying information. It's not because they have a problem with self-esteem — they just want to use your good name to fund their bad habits.

And one way they do it is by stealing your incoming or outgoing mail. The Postal Service has advice for preventing identity theft:

- Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet.
- Shred canceled checks, credit applications and any documents containing personal information before tossing them out.
- Don't leave mail in your mailbox overnight on weekends.

■ Deposit mail in U.S. Postal Service collection boxes. But not enough people seem to be doing that last one in El Cerrito.

Last week, the Journal wrote about El Cerrito Postmaster Jack Boster's plan to remove underused mailboxes. After residents complained, he delayed the removal for six months.

The local post office can't afford to keep mailboxes that don't meet their quotas of mail on days they're checked, the postmaster explained.

Even mailboxes, it seems, have to produce or lose their jobs in these tight-budget days.

Though the postmaster also pointed out that if identity thieves want to steal mail, they can certainly break into Postal Service mailboxes to do it, it's obvious that the chunky blue boxes are a harder target than your home mailbox.

It was right of the postmaster to listen to the people his post office serves, and give the boxes a reprieve. But like most managers in most companies these days, he's obviously charged with saving money wherever he can. And that may mean removing the mailboxes for good.

Unless they show more use. And that brings us to that other trend, the decline of letter-writing. Phone calls and e-mails have relegated actual letter-writing to a sort of quaint hobby practiced by people who like to show off their excellent penmanship. The plugged-in, online person today denigrates actual letters as "snail mail."

Does anyone write love letters anymore? Does anyone remember how? Tying a red ribbon around a stack of e-mail printouts just isn't the same thing.

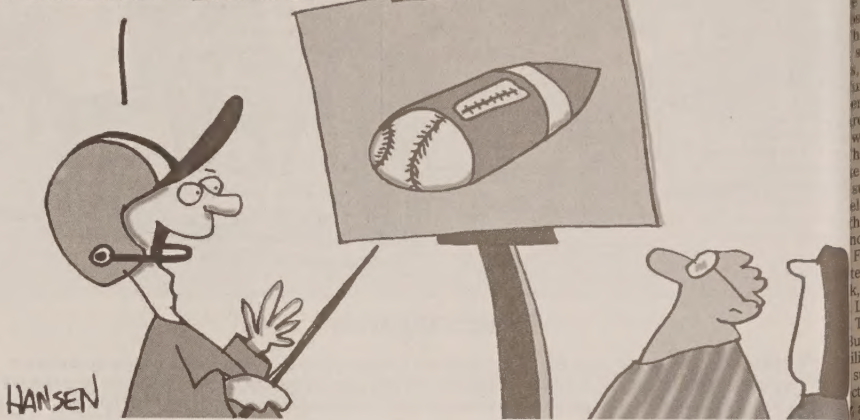
And we wonder how biographies of prominent people will be written when there are so few letters written by anyone to be archived. Letters have always added depth to biography.

So as one of our letter writers on this page today, Geraldine Judt, suggests: Use the mailboxes. There's no better way to show that they're needed.

Write to that long-neglected friend or beloved relative. Write to your Congressperson. Write to someone to say you love them or that you're sorry. Write a thank-you note.

You could even (ahem) write to your local newspaper. As always, we'd love to hear from you.

## THE SEASONS ARE CHANGING

IT'S WHAT YOU USE WHEN  
BASEBALL IS OVER AND  
FOOTBALL BEGINS.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Stop mailbox extinction

Recently, at least nine of our neighborhood mailboxes were posted with signs stating they would be removed on Oct. 4. Fortunately, due to civic protest, the date has been extended six months by El Cerrito Postmaster Jack Boster. But what happens after six months?

Postal requirements for keeping a mailbox in use include receiving a minimum of 15 pieces of mail daily over a 10-day period (dates randomly chosen by the postmaster).

What can we do? Obviously, use the mailboxes. And maybe not so obvious, realize their importance. Without that corner mailbox, how do we mail our letters and bills? Due to the possibility of theft, leaving them in our house boxes is not the answer.

Give mail to our carrier when the mail comes? How do we schedule our time around this, and don't they have enough to carry already? Go to the post office? Maybe. But what if you are elderly, or handicapped, or a non-driver?

Right now, our blue boxes are safe, but after six months, they either stay or go. They are a convenience for some and an absolute necessity for others.

Make sure those 25 pieces of mail get into your boxes daily. Stop mailbox extinction!

Geraldine Judt  
El Cerrito

cide the boxes need to be removed! Where's the sense in that?

Please leave the blue deposit boxes in place so that everyone in the neighborhood can safely and conveniently mail their letters.

Sarah Pichler  
El Cerrito

## Thanks for voting

I'm writing on behalf of the "For the Children of West County" committee to thank those people who participated in the most recent school bond election — not just the nearly 60 percent of voters who cast ballots in support of Measure C, but every voter who took the time to study the needs of local school financing and weighed the costs associated with seismic upgrades and new school construction — no matter how the ultimate vote was cast.

In the past, our community has been overwhelmingly supportive of safe and clean schools for our young people. We believe this is still the case, and we will continue working for our children by working for our schools.

Too often, as a community, we take local services for granted and, too often, we are disappointed when our expectations are not met. But not often enough do we have opportunities to improve those local services. That is why our committee, and so many others, supported Measure C.

Like my father, and many other members of my family, I attended these schools and my children are attending these schools as well.

I will continue to have the highest expectations and we will continue to work hard to see that those expectations are met.

George A. Harris  
Richmond

Harris is a trustee of the West Contra Costa school district.

## Impeach Bush, et al

Hey, East Bay residents, wake up! Santa Cruz and Arcata have risen to the top of the progressive-communities chart by taking action on the impeachment of Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Ashcroft.

This imperial quadrumvirate must be impeached for their heinous crimes: manipulation of intelligence (lying) as weapons of mass destruction in order to rationalize the illegal preemptive war against Iraq; designating citizens as "enemy combatants" and subjecting them to indefinite detention without charge or access to counsel; ordering and condoning assassinations, secret detentions, torture and generally violating the rights of individuals under the first, fourth, fifth, sixth and eighth amendments of the U.S. Constitution, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and withdrawing from international treaties, such as the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, without consent of the legislative branch.

These and other abrogations of civil, political and human rights make mandatory that "President" Bush and cronies are summarily impeached.

Oakland has posted this message on the Grand Lake Theater Marquee: "What is an impeachable offense? Lying about sex. No. Lying in order to go to war. Yes."

Vote at <http://www.votetoinpeach.com>

Gene Bernat  
Berkeley

## Save our mail boxes

Postmaster Boster is planning on removing quite a few of the U.S. Postal Service blue drop boxes around our neighborhood.

As these are some of the very few safe places that residents can drop off their mail, it is quite unfathomable that the postmaster is about to get rid of them. Apparently, in order for a blue drop box to be worth saving, it has to have at least 25 letters per day deposited.

The postal service advises us that the safest way to mail is to drop our letters in the big blue boxes and then they de-

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## VIEWPOINT

## Getting away from politics

WE WERE DAYS away from the recall election and, apparently, there was no escape. Just like you, I was getting a stream of e-mail from out-of-state friends, pointing at me through the bars of my modem and asking what it's like to live in a zoo. So I thought I'd head over to Solano Avenue to see. But Gov. Davis wasn't dozing in the doorway of the library, Arnold wasn't pumping hands in front of the No Sweat aerobics studio, and the other, um, movie star in the race, Mary Carey, wasn't anywhere near the Albany Twin.

Nonetheless, politics found me one Sunday evening at the Safeway on Solano. It was late, and all the shoppers with more brains than a monkey had long since left. I was reaching for a bunch of bananas. "Kucinich," said a voice. I was half asleep, and I stared at the bananas, wondering which one of them had spoken, and why it wanted to talk about politics. Maybe it

ROBERT MENZIMER  
Life is a Movie

had said, "Spinach."

"I was at a Dennis Kucinich rally today, and I was really impressed. I think he's the one for president," said the same voice. That was way too many words for one banana, so I decided that I hadn't fallen asleep on my feet and wasn't dreaming I was in a David Lynch movie about fruit. I looked up. There was a woman in a long, dark coat and some sort of scarf on her head, picking over the potatoes. Wait a minute. Maybe I was in a David Lynch movie.

She looked up and pinned me with a laser gleam, looking a little like the Log Lady in

"Twin Peaks," and said, in accented but fluent English, "Kucinich makes sense, and none of the rest of them. You could just feel the energy at the rally."

I turned around to look behind me, hoping she was speaking to someone else. No one there. I turned back. She continued to pick potatoes, but she was talking without pause. I moved farther away, over to the oranges, figuring I could insert a quick breakaway comment and make my escape when she took a breath. But she didn't pause to breathe. She was giving me her autobiography, something about being a doctor. I took up a defensive position behind the lemons.

She was saying she was going to help Kucinich, raising the horrifying prospect that she was about to hit me with what I dread most during an election — campaign literature.

I started wondering what Steve McQueen would do if this conversation were taking place in "The Great Escape," and I thought about checking

to see if there were any trap doors over by the lemons. Then she was off and running on the Kucinich peace position. I began to feel an exhaustion, thinking that I might make it home in time to see my first Social Security check.

Finally, I blurted out, "Excuse me, I'm heading over to the ice cream aisle to pick some Ben and Jerry's Cherry Monkey." And that's exactly what I did. She didn't follow and I made it out.

It wasn't quite as cool as away as Steve McQueen jumping the barbed-wire fence in his cycle in "The Great Escape," since I was just moving down Marin Avenue in my minivan. But, after all, back where he ended up — behind the prison camp in the Congo — whereas I was propped up my pillows in bed, watching movie with Ben and Jerry, vowing to stay there until election day.

Robert Menzimer is a writer and movie fan living in Albany. Reach him at [megabob@bell.net](mailto:megabob@bell.net)

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# Parenting books offer all kinds of advice

quote of the week:  
The wise man does at once  
the fool does finally."  
- Baltasar Gracian, Spanish  
philosopher and writer, 1601-58

FRIEND RECENTLY suggested a column on parenting books. I hadn't thought about all the parenting books I've read and written, but since I have raised children and been involved in the parenting of four others, I have certainly spent a great deal of time looking for advice I could get.

I looked in the Alameda County Library catalog and there are 335 entries just under heading "parenting," so there are obviously many to choose from.

The categories are numerous: sibling rivalry, teens, toddlers, disabilities, discipline, turning, guilt, drugs, twins, adoption, sex — if you have anything question, someone has written a book about it. This is great, but it also can be difficult to choose. I suggest a few authors: Anne Leach, particularly those with young babies; no Bettelheim for all ages; Faber and Mazlish, who are my favorite parenting books, "How to Talk So Kids Listen & Listen So Kids Talk."

There are many I'm not familiar with, and so here are a few suggestions on making a selection. Most of these, by the way, are in the 649 section at the library. A few weeks ago, I wrote a column on cookbooks and how each has a particular tone. This is so true for parenting books. Some parenting books



**JULIE WINKELSTEIN**  
At the Library

are academic in tone: there are charts and bold headings and lists. These books are good for specific answers to practical questions: Why are there white spots all over my newborn's face? What's the average age when a baby can roll over? One aspect of these is to be careful of, though, is comparing your child to anyone else's child — even your other children.

I remember, when my first daughter was nine months old, going to a La Leche League meeting and seeing a baby there who was the same age and walking. My daughter wasn't even crawling. I kept looking at my daughter and wondering: Should I be doing something? Putting things out of her reach? Trying to teach her how to stand up? Fortunately, I didn't know then that she wouldn't be walking for another 10 months — who knows how I would have felt! She is, by the way, now 28 and walking just fine.

Other books are casual and chatty and better for when you need the equivalent of an experienced-parent friend. These are good for those times when you wonder what you are doing and why everyone else appears to be just fine.

There are also books that take a stand on a specific issue you may be grappling with. Each of these books has a per-

Some parenting books are academic in tone, others are casual and chatty, better for when you need the equivalent of an experienced-parent friend.

sonal slant that supports the belief of the author. These include topics like breast-feeding, discipline and babies sleeping through the night, and you can tell right away what their position is. This is particularly helpful if you are looking for support for your own position or if you want to explore other answers.

When you think about it, parenting is a strange occupation. Unlike a job, there is no set objective and really no way of knowing whether you succeeded, anyway. But I've been glad for all the parenting books I've read over the years — you never know what's going to help.

**READER REVIEW:** Natalie wrote today's book review, for Ruth Wallace-Brodeur's "Blue Eyes Better." Natalie says this book is about "a girl who loses her brother, and her mother ignores her." One word Natalie would use to describe the book is "sad" and she recommends it because "it's beautiful."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@acclib.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@acclib.org) or at the Albany Library.

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Volunteers will be placed in waiting rooms at the Richmond Children's Clinic to read aloud to books with families, and offer information to parents about literacy.

Two-hour orientation and training will be given on Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. at the Richmond Health Center at Noon to 1 p.m. 100 38th St., Richmond, 2nd floor family practice clinic.

Bilingual Spanish speakers are especially needed. For details, contact Lynne Wilness Program, 925-927-3288.

Volunteers also are needed in the Family Hall. Those who would like to work one-on-one with at-risk youth and have one or two hours a week to volunteer can call an Outreach Coordinator at 925-927-3254 or email [swheaver@ccclib.org](mailto:swheaver@ccclib.org). Ask for information about Technology for Literacy in Transition, an outreach program sponsored by the Contra Costa County Library.

The Albany Library's next "in-craft" event is making Pennsylvania German pierced-tin on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pierced-tin art was made to decorate the tin sides of pie safes and candle boxes. These will be beautiful wall decorations. The craft event is sponsored by

the Albany Library and led by Roberta Gould, an Albany resident, teacher and craft-book author. The workshop is free and open to all ages.

Also in Albany: The 11 a.m. Saturday Morning Storytime series for pre-schoolers (ages 3-6) runs through Nov. 1.

The Albany Library is at 1247 Marin Ave. For information, call 510-526-3720 ext. 20 or 18.

■■■■ The El Cerrito Library presents a program on Esperanto, the global language, on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. Charlie Galvin of the Esperanto League of North America will discuss the history and development of the controversial language. Free. 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. 510-526-7512.

Also at El Cerrito: The library's

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The El Cerrito Library is at 6510 Stockton Ave. For details, call 510-526-7512.

■■■■ The Kensington Library holds Family Storytimes for all ages on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (except when special programs are scheduled).

The Kensington Library is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043.

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Oct. 13, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library  
Oct. 14, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library  
Oct. 15, College Night, 7 p.m., AHS Little Theater  
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## EL CERRITO SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, Oct. 13, 7:15 p.m. PTSA meeting in room 812. All are welcome to attend.

A free college admission workshop will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22 in El Cerrito High's cafeteria from 7 to 9 p.m. This workshop is most appropriate for parents of high school juniors. Topics will include how to: perform a thorough college search, complete one round of testing for college admissions, create a high school profile, obtain letters of recommendations, and locate scholarships. This is the second of two workshops.

The sophomore class needs some help building their homecoming float on a New Year's theme. They especially need parents to help cut and put together wood and to help carpool to the house where the float is being built. E-mail sophomore class president Fiona Chan at [lilstarlite88@yahoo.com](mailto:lilstarlite88@yahoo.com). Homecoming is Oct. 24.

Food, football, entertainment and academic advising will be available Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Contra Costa College's Open House. Counselors will be available to discuss financial aid, career exploration, and admissions. A classic car show, poetry slam, and other activities will be part of the program. Contra Costa College is at 2600 Mission Bell Drive in San Pablo. Park in lots 1, 10, or 11 near the bookstore.

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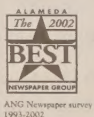


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## Undergarments, Briefs, and Dirty Laundry

By James Carter

Autumn Moon: Yes, finally, Fall has arrived. Trees are turning brilliant shades of crimson and saffron, folks are digging out wool sweaters and mufflers (until the traditional October Summer visits, that is), and all is well. Despite everything, there is something comforting about Autumn – a time when families get together, the sun sets early, and you can feel the earth changing.

And sports fans – even part-timers – let's not forget college football. This year, the California Bears are true contenders in the Pac 10. And if you haven't gone to a game for a while, you don't know what you're missing. Memorial Stadium, home of the Cal Bears, sits in the lap of Strawberry Canyon. The grass is green, the players are young and motivated, and there is something about a college football game that makes everything seem right. (For more information, visit [www.CalBears.com](http://www.CalBears.com), or call (800) Go Bears.)

Autumn is also the perfect time to take the family window shopping, and enjoy a wonderful meal. What better place in the Bay Area to do that than in Albany – a sweet little town blessed with a wonderful combination of mom-and-pop shops and modern boutiques – one rich in diversity – a beautiful, sane, and generous place... Come and see for yourself. Albany is where Main Street Meets the Future...

Jack of all trades: Soon, All Hallows Day will arrive, kids young and old in costumes, the youngsters going door-to-door carrying heavy sacks, wearing a vast assortment of

incredible garb and big smiles, trembling with excitement. Want a great deal on a pumpkin? Visit Ray's Pumpkin Patch, 1245 Solano, a truly old-fashioned jack-o-lantern village set on a soft grassy lot. The Pumpkin Patch is next door to Sophia Café, a terrific new Kosher deli (you'll never talk about New York again), and the Albany Arts Galley, with its broad diversity of wonderful artwork.

Two-hour free parking on Solano and San Pablo Avenues in Albany during December? The Albany Traffic & Commission said yes, indeed! And went so far as to suggest the extended limits begin November 28 – the day after Thanksgiving. All that remains is for the City Council to give it the nod, and word is the proposal won't hit any speed bumps there. The Council and City are anxious to support our small business community. And they need support now more than ever, independently-owned and operated businesses close to going the way of the Blue Whale. Come to Albany and see what makes our town so much more alluring than a styrofoam mall. That's right! Shop and dine in Albany – where the sun shines at just the right angle, the merchants are happy to see you, and everyone will give you the time of day...

Democracy in Berkeley? We hope so... The Solano Avenue Association's Board of Directors voted to move forward with their long standing effort to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) on Solano in Berkeley. Soon the proposal will go to the Berkeley City Council,

long known for supporting democracy. Yet the BID, by its very nature, is as democratic as an organization can be. Established, there is no vote, election, poll of the businesses that would, like be forced to join a BID. And what does to a BID mean? Well, for starters, a BID assessment on every business, large and small. Solano Avenue in Berkeley, and each and south. This at a time when small businesses are taking a hit on the nose. Our suggestion is to have a vote of all those who would be impacted, which is to say, forced to join, and see if there is support there? As the only way to stop a BID is for 50% of the impacted business to show up at a meeting or sign a petition opposing it, but here's the rub. Some businesses have more rights than others... You see, votes are determined by the number of employees. So Starbucks, Banks, Super Real Estate firms, etc., well, they will have more "votes" than any small business. So have an establishment on Solano Avenue in Berkeley, and don't want to be forced to join an organization, forced to pay an additional assessment on your business license, allowed to quit that very special type of organization, best act now, because, once a BID is established, it's nearly impossible to remove it.

## Microbrews and Girly Cocktails

By Guia Abenes

Not all that long ago I thought Albany was so beat – the whole town tucked in and went to bed at 9 at night. Then I discovered a whole new avenue of possibilities (both San Pablo and Solano Avenues) and things really opened up for me. Whatever your scene might be, if you like to tip a few now and then – anything from microbrews, to fine wine or classic cocktails – I'll bet you a beer (or a girly drink) you'll find something to whet your whistle in Albany.

The Mallard Club (752 San Pablo Avenue, 524-8450) is a good place to start. They have everything from Bud Light to Guinness, from mixed drinks to the latest microbrews, and the bartenders there know exactly what to do with your sauce. It's a roomy place with lots of variety. You can find an intimate corner where you can feel totally at home, shoot pool, sip your drink by the festive light of tiki torches, or enjoy the breeze under dim Japanese lanterns outside. Check out the jukebox: even the pickiest music critic will find a song or two that they like.

If you want to treat yourself real good, check out Nizza la Bella (825 San Pablo Avenue, 526-2552). They were voted Best of the East Bay "cocktails" two years running in a local weekly, and it's not hard to figure out why: Top shelf liquor, and they start out from scratch – no mixes; all their drinks are made on the spot with fresh ingredients. They specialize in classic cocktails from the Prohibition era with titillating names like Gin and Sin and Between the Sheets. Check out the Violet Hour, a

romantic and nostalgic trip back to the 20s and 30s when making a cocktail was an art form, one best enjoyed as the sun set and the sky turned violet (hence the name).

Hanging out at Kellee's (953 San Pablo Avenue, 524-1735) feels a lot like hanging at your best friend's house. They have spur-of-the-moment barbecues, you can throw your own CDs on the stereo, and they have a Ping-Pong table out back. Kellee's has a pretty loyal following. A lot of schooled pool players congregate there, waiting to go nose-to-nose with challengers, though it's all just for fun. And the staff will make you feel right at home.

Fonda (1501 Solano Ave, 559-9006) is a different scene altogether. Voted one of the best restaurants in the Bay Area, Fonda is actually an upscale bar that serves delectable tapas (which are small plates of Latin American-style food). Classic cocktails are served with panache, including Cuba Libre (guaranteed to free your mind no matter what your politics are), the Fonda (yum), margaritas, and girly drinks as well. Or if you prefer fine wine, they have a great selection (the partners also own Lalime's and Jimmy Beans, if that gives you a clue). The décor is there, the hip are there, and if that is your scene, you should be there, too.

Montero's Restaurant (1106 Solano Avenue, 524-1270) morphs from a restaurant into a club Friday and Saturday nights. The live salsa

music just pours out of the place, and people to dance. Grab a bite to eat, have a couple drinks, and dance the night away. Recently remodeled, the dance floor is a trip to Mexico, designed like an outdoor complete with palm trees and a traditional Spanish balcony where the deejays spin hip hop on Thursday nights. On the week show up early and learn some new moves from professionals who give free Salsa lessons (Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.).

Beauregard's California Bistro (1373 Solano Avenue, 526-7200) is Albany's best kept secret (when it comes to watering the garden). Barely a year old, they already have a following among those who don't just want any old cocktail. Using top shelf liquor, fresh fruit juices, home-made maraschino cherries, and other creative concoctions, the bartenders here consume first with the eyes. They're positively pop with color and pack a punch. But the kicker is the super creative cocktails, owing to Barry Gilmartin's expertise, which dates back to the 70s at a place called Oleg's. Why have a lemon drop when you can have a lime drop? Barry asks. And he's got it. Try the straw-boy margarita (a straw margarita with a boysenberry kick) or the a-bella-bella (5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays). Find yourself a favorite new drink, and find yourself a favorite new drink, and the food is great, too!



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# Local gardener experiences (case of) 'Beanomania'

**I**CUSTOMARILY TAKE the waters in New England in the summer. However, this spring my wife, Rae, broke her leg and I remained in Albany to assist her.

In lieu of rusticating myself in rural Massachusetts, I sought a Thoreau-like experience in our backyard, caring for the flowers and planting tomatoes and pole beans. I remembered how these beans raced up their poles while shooting out leaves and popping yellow and white blossoms. And one never forgets how wonderful fresh beans taste.

The first problem for an urban pole-bean grower is finding affordable poles. I had a little scrap wood, and a friend gave me a few old redwood boards. I ripped these up with



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a power saw along with some two-by-fours I replaced in our picnic table. Then I got lucky and found perfect 8-foot poles at Home Depot for a dollar apiece.

A solid structure is essential for these upwardly mobile veggies, so I built tripods for either end of the rack. Then I lashed an 8-foot pole between them and tied my other poles to it from either side. Running garden twine from the shorter

poles to the tops of the longer ones gave the beans more climbing room. A string up from a short stake works too. And if two or three poles are bolted together, the upper ones can be set at varying angles for easier picking.

Five or six Kentucky Wonders or Blue Lake seeds surrounded each pole in soil fertilized with steer manure and later with Miracle-Gro. In about 10 days, the little fellows were bursting out of the ground and putting out their first leaves. When the young acrobats started wrapping around the poles, I explained to them they were racing for the top. Soon there was terrific competition for first place. It was then the beans and I bonded in what my wife calls, "beanomania."

"Go beans, Go!" I exhorted

them every morning. "Be the greatest bean ever seen! Be the most bean you could have been!" And so on in that vein. Doubtless inspired by this rhetoric, the front runners shot up a couple of inches a day.

As teenagers, some beans refused to stay on their poles and jumped to others or into space. This forced me to tie them where they belonged. I know of no law against vegetable bondage — at least not yet — and it is essential to maintain order amongst vines that can grow 15 feet or more. I lectured the obstreperous legumes about this, and although a few sulked briefly, none talked back or threatened to leave home as do the young of our species.

At harvest time I found I was in a game of hide-and-seek

with opponents unbelievably adept at concealing their pods. Even though I often picked twice a day, a few always evaded me and became oversized "lurkers." It is humbling to be consistently bested by vegetables. Looking at supermarket beans, I see they beat the pros too, which is why some pods are cut in half.

Like Thoreau, who said of his two-and-a-half acres of bush beans at Walden Pond, "I came to love my rows, my beans, though so many more than I wanted." My bean garden covered only 36 square feet, but it provided beans for family, friends and neighbors.

But the real harvest of these climbers is watching a handful of their seeds transmogrify into a 7-foot bower of beans. Midwifing this minor miracle produces as bountiful a harvest of thoughts and feelings as it does of food.

Voltaire's Candide, the world, was right when he advised us to simply enjoy our gardens. However, I am remiss in not recommending the pole bean specifically.

Dave Greer is a bicoastal, vibrant and veteran newspaperman.

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

### Albany

**Albany Senior Center** — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 846 Masonic Ave. Bingo, bridge, chess, needlecrafts, word events, literature. Home-delivered meals offered. Dinner 4 p.m. weekdays by reservation. Pasta dinner fund-raiser 3-6 p.m. Oct. 17; \$7 adults, \$3 children. Advance ticket purchase appreciated. 510-524-9122.

### Berkeley

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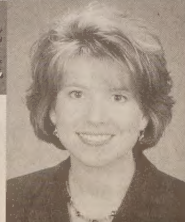
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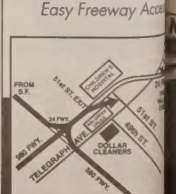
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# Cult of pug celebrated with book, campaign

Wilson, who also aspires to be president, is on the campaign trail to promote 'The Tao of Pug'.

By Martin Snapp  
STAFF WRITER

Levine boasts a long list of admirers, from Lincoln Steffens to Allen Ginsberg. Now add another author: Wilson the Pug, a friendly little 4-year-old whose chief ambition is to be in every hand in the universe. Levine has just published his first book, "The Tao of Pug," which she co-authored with his publisher, Berkeley photographer Nancy Levine.

The book combines photos of Wilson — nattily attired in his trademark yin-yang jacket — with appropriate quotations from the ancient Chinese book of wisdom, "The Tao Te Ching." Though it has been out only a few weeks, it is already No. 1 on Amazon.com's "most popular reference pug" list.

The book's title was suggested by other than Elvis Presley, as was being channeled by a local psychic. "When I was about my idea for Wilson's book," Levine said, "she said, 'Elvis wants you to call book 'The Tao of Pug.''"

Wilson has also thrown his name into the ring as a candidate for president in 2004. Admirers get a free "Wilson for President" button, featuring a picture of Wilson dressed as Uncle Sam, on Wilson's official Web site, [www.thetaoofpug.com](http://www.thetaoofpug.com).

Wilson's name and image are registered trademarks. "I only hope Fox sues us at some point," says Levine. "Wilson is a fair and balanced pug," Levine has wanted to own a



**NANCY LEVINE HUGS** fellow author/pug Wilson at her home in Berkeley. "The Tao of Pug," co-written by the pair, went on sale last month.

pug ever since she was a little girl growing up in Scarsdale, New York. But her parents got a Shi Tsu, instead.

"It was the '70s," she says with a sigh. "We had shag rugs and pink light bulbs, and my parents wanted a fluffy, poofy, bourgeois Scarsdale dog to match."

Many people ask how Wilson got his name. "Children usually ask me if he's named after the volleyball," says Levine. "Older people ask if he's named after

Woodrow Wilson."

The truth: Levine, a rabid Mets fan, named him after Mookie Wilson, the journeyman Mets outfielder whose slow, rolling grounder went through Bill Buckner's legs in the 1986 World Series, breaking the hearts of Red Sox fans everywhere.

"I'm not sure whether you should mention that," said Levine. "I don't want to hurt book sales in Boston."

Wilson and Levine are cur-

Levine, a rabid Mets fan, named her pug after Mets outfielder Mookie Wilson, whose slow, rolling grounder went through Bill Buckner's legs in the 1986 World Series, breaking the hearts of Red Sox fans everywhere.

rently on a cross-country book tour. They appeared at the Pug Dog Club of America National Specialty Show in Sturbridge, Mass., earlier this month before heading to the Little Angels Pug Rescue Halloween Howl in Pasadena, Rakestraw Books in Danville, the Pugtacular in Antioch, and Pug Sunday in San Francisco.

At each event, they'll sign photos and "pawtograph" books, with the proceeds benefiting pug rescue groups.

Wilson is taking his celebrity in stride, which is more than can be said for his other mommy, Levine's partner, Catherine Woodman.

"I love pugs, and I adore Wilson," she says. "I just had no idea I was joining a cult when we got him!"

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## Free forum to address chemotherapy fears

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A cancer diagnosis can be overwhelming, stressful and frightening, not only for the patient, but for caregivers.

While facing this diagnosis can be scary enough, many people are just as worried about chemotherapy and its potential

side effects such as hair loss, nausea, anxiety, infection and anemia.

The good news is that these side effects are now more manageable than ever, and some of the county's best oncology experts will discuss how to prepare for chemotherapy and manage the emotional and physical side effects, and they will direct patients to appropriate resources. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the program.

## Art group to offer critique, Hawaiian exhibit

The El Cerrito Art Association will present a program that includes a critique by artist Chuck Overton and a mini show of Hawaiian art at its next meeting, Monday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the El Cerrito Community Cen-

ter Garden Room.

The El Cerrito Art Association is a group that brings together local artists of all levels of expertise to share and further their interest in art and serve the community at large.

## Lumber co. to offer disaster safety expo

Berkeley and Truitt & White Lumber Co. are co-sponsoring an exposition to educating the public about fire and disaster safety, as well as a sale of the equipment

needed to make residences and neighborhoods safer from such hazards. The event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at 642 Hearst St.

## Refund

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Dale Mead said he moved to El Cerrito with his wife in May 2002. When he asked for a refund on the property transfer tax, he was told about the statute of limitations.

"Where's the integrity in this action?" Mead asked, comparing the council to a political candidate who gives back only half of illegal campaign contributions.

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori made a motion to refund transfer tax money to residents who bought or sold property after June 2001, but it failed to receive a second vote and the motion died.

In June 2001, the Supreme

Court ruled in favor of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association in a case against the Orange County city of La Habra, that the city's collection of a utility users tax was an "ongoing violation" of state Proposition 62. Declared constitutional in 1995, Prop. 62 requires a two-thirds vote on all property taxes.

In July 2001, the city instituted a one-year statute of limitations on claims not subject to the government code claims act. That statute is what prevents residents from receiving a refund on their transfer tax if applied for more than a year after the transaction.

The other councilmembers said they couldn't refund the money going back to 2001 in part because of the precarious financial situation facing the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Moore said it wouldn't be good government for the city to lose more money because it would affect the services that El Cerrito residents enjoy.

Councilwoman Janet Abelson said it is important to maintain city services, particularly police and fire. "I don't know that they will continue as they do today unless we keep as much money as we can," she said.

"Do they want to continue services or do they want refunds?" she added, asking what decision residents would make themselves.

However, Brusatori said refunding the money back to June 2001 would be worth it, even if the council would have to make difficult decisions, for example if

a ballot measure is needed because the city can't pave the streets or has to institute a hiring freeze.

"I feel very bad about it," Brusatori said, referring to the city retaining the illegal tax. "We can't undo it, but I want this as a token to make it right."

About a dozen people burst into applause at Brusatori's comments but ultimately appeared to go home frustrated. At one point, while Moore was explaining her decision on the tax, a man shouted out "Recall!" in reference to the previous day's election.

"Go for it," Moore shot back.

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## Film

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The process began in June 1999, after he read that the homeless were about to be evicted from the landfill, a location he had never heard about until then. Intrigued, he visited the bulb and was fascinated by the artwork and the maze-like and spooky quality of the vegetation there.

He met Barringer, who suggested that he do a documentary about the area.

McCabe has worked filming commercials and has a passion for making documentary films,

which he did when he was with the Peace Corps in Guatemala.

He eventually began shooting at the bulb late in the evening and in the early morning with co-director Andrei Rozen and gave a new camera to Barringer to film what he wanted to as well.

They filmed for five months, with McCabe recruiting people by word of mouth to work on the film.

The documentary was finally released last year. It has won several awards, including Best Documentary Short at the Wisconsin Film Festival and Best of Festival at the Berkeley Art Center Film Festival.

Barringer is still homeless but

said he's about two weeks away from getting off the streets. He said he became homeless with the rising cost of housing in the Bay Area and no increase in salary.

"The film helped me a lot in realizing I'm a creative person and that the most important thing to me is working on creative projects," said Barringer, who has an art degree from UC Berkeley. "And it doesn't matter in keeping a certain level of financial income as long as I can live life as an artist."

He added he knew about the landfill for many years and always referred to it as a "bums' paradise," before he lived there.

"It's kind of a party spot and always has been," he said. "It's the sort of place where you could come and drink a beer and play around, off the street."

With the creation of the Eastshore State Park, the city put an end to the homeless encampment there in August 1999. That process, with police and helicopters used to evict the community there, and the city providing temporary housing and resources, is also documented in "Bum's Paradise."

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## Fields

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enue to cover its operational and maintenance costs led La Force to speculate that building commercial property could be in its future.

"We don't want to create a monster like that, is probably the best way to put it," La Force said Wednesday.

The council agreed to put off a decision on the agreement until Cheasty and La Force could provide input and the legal language of the agreement could be cleaned up.

On Wednesday, the two said they were satisfied with the council's decision and confident the JPA could move forward.

The council said it would reconsider approval Oct. 20.

Berkeley's park commission

is set to consider it Oct. 21. The Richmond and El Cerrito parks and recreation commissions have recommended to their respective city councils that they join the JPA, according to an Albany report.

The JPA could legally be formed with a minimum of two cities participating. Other cities could become members at a later date.

Preuss said it is important for

the JPA to get under way soon or risk losing an opportunity to apply for millions in state grant money. There are deadlines of Dec. 15 and Jan. 15 for two grants worth a total of \$5 million available from Proposition 40. Doyle said the district would help the JPA apply for the grants.

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## Enroll

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rector of admissions at Windrush, the admissions process at many East Bay private schools can be confusing for parents and competitive for children.

With only 250 students in grades K-8, Windrush is one of the smaller private schools in Contra Costa County. This also makes it one of the more selective schools. "Generally for kindergarten we get around 100 applicants for 26 to 28 slots," Olsen said.

Courtney Borden, 30, is the mother of twin boys who turn 4 this year. Borden plans to move her family to the East Bay next summer, but she began searching for schools in the area last summer.

"You really have to be aggressive and get in early," Borden said. "Because it's so competitive, people assume if you don't get into a good preschool you can't get into a good kindergarten and then on up."

Every year, Olsen said, she deals with a handful of distraught

parents whose children were denied admission to Windrush for the coming school year. "Kindergarten parents tend to be really freaked out," Olsen said. "So much of the media is about getting your kids on the list — well, there is no list."

Olsen said the best advice she can give to parents is "going with your gut." "There are a number

of good independent schools in the East Bay and they're all very different," she said. "Get into the classroom to see how the kids interact with the teacher and with each other. Sometimes that's what's most important."

Carrie Ching is a freelance journalist and a graduate student at UC Berkeley.

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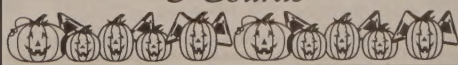
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## Keeping interests alive

DEAR READERS: This is the first of two columns about retirement. Some people are reluctant to retire because they really like their employment, while some have been eagerly awaiting the time when an escape can be made. Today's column will address retirement plans for the first situation. In two weeks, I'll present ideas for those who find their employment less than stimulating and are looking forward only to monthly retirement checks.

Q. My husband is considering retirement. He really likes his work and is very good at it, but he is getting tired and ready to relax a bit. When he talks to friends who have retired, however, he finds that they are bored and often wish that they had not taken that final step. How do you think people should decide about retirement?

A. The rule: Have a plan. Don't retire until you have a definite idea about ways to spend your time. There is nothing worse than suddenly finding yourself with hours to spend and nothing special to do. Don't plan specific activities for every minute of every day, but have enough interests in mind that you will always be able to find a convenient and inviting activity.

Perhaps your present employment is something that you can continue in some way. You might try a slightly different direction, or merely spend fewer hours at your present position. I know someone who retired recently. He has been rehired at a fraction of his former time and salary. He still has the same office, parking permit and facilities. His one concession to retirement — he goes home one hour earlier for dinner!

If you cannot work out a similar plan for yourself, here are some other ideas.

Perhaps there is a field closely related to your present employment, and you might want to build in that slightly different direction. You might pursue it as a particularly interesting hobby. Your hours can be flexible, of course. You can be very busy, yet able to take free time when you so desire. Keeping your interest alive is of utmost importance.

While mental activity is the most important part of any retirement plan, social interaction also plays an important role. If your retirement will mean that you no longer encounter former work-mates, be sure to



CONNIE LYNN  
Don't Lose Your Mind

find activities that will interest other people. Some work in your field can be rewarding to you as well as helpful to others. To make the most rewarding volume involves needy children, older adults, if those needs are appropriate for the field.

If you cannot actually continue your present employment or a very similar offshoot, you can find a subject that is still relevant in a very different, and intriguing way. Learn about this subject, perhaps taking classes.

For example, I switched from microbiology to education; the relationship between the processes of science and their use to improve human abilities. This provided direction and a way to work that I liked.

Classes also allow interaction as well as the activity that we all enjoy.

The list of possible elements for a successful retirement is endless. Have a wonderful time!

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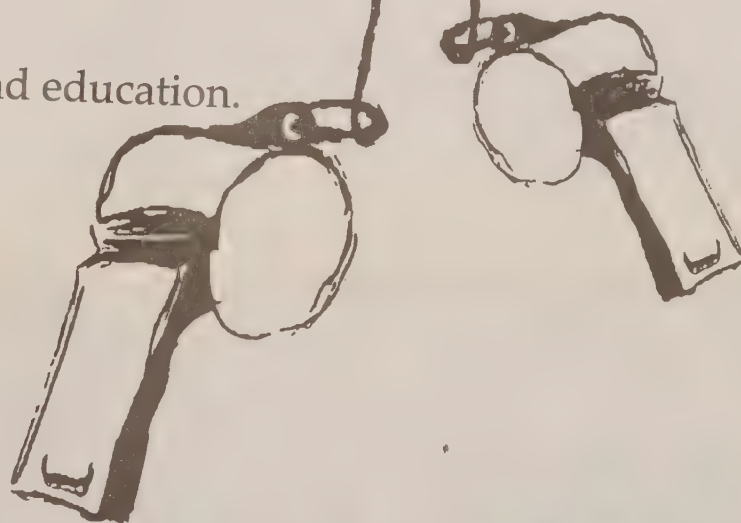


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Several years ago in Southern California Robin first heard about toxic cleaning products. She had already chosen a career what she refers to as Environment Maintenance, she was skeptical about the use of natural cleaning products; she really wondered how they possibly get things clean. However, now that she uses environmentally sensitive products exclusively, she is convinced that the results far exceed what she achieved by using the "old ways." The other benefit for Robin is that she experiences the peace in her own well-being. After years of using standard cleaning products — and inhaling chemicals found in the mixtures — she made the change to alternative "natural" cleaners.

She found that widely used products were neither "clean" nor healthy. And that change was definitely over in the right direction: for clients' health, her own health the health of the planet. And, of course, natural methods smell better.

Robin first became interested in the environmental movement in the early 1970s when she and

several of her high school friends volunteered at the local Oakland recycling center. Their job was to sort bottles and cans at the center where people dropped them off.

The students in turn introduced their parents to the concept of recycling; they worked at a grass roots' level and were instrumental in promoting the benefits of basic recycling. Running a business using environmentally friendly products is a natural step for Robin.

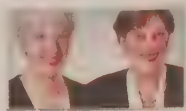
She is a multi-talented individual who finds delight in many of the simple pleasures of life. She loves to grow many of her own edibles and flowers in a magical garden in her own backyard located near Acme Bread in North Berkeley. She loves to hike, bike, cook, sew, read, meditate, dance and indulge in many of the home-based activities that the rest of us have long forgotten — those hobbies that have been lost in the shuffle of fast-paced lives and careers.

As for Robin's career in home environment maintenance, she chose it because she felt a calling to work with not only the obvious dirt, dust and grime syndrome, but also the invisible aspects of "stuck" energy that show up amidst the clutter found in every household.

When Robin completes a cleaning project with a client, the rooms aren't just clean — the whole environment has been transformed and uplifted. The sparkling, shiny surfaces and the fresh, sweet smells create an atmosphere of basic goodness and well-being.

The people who then enter and use the transformed spaces can feel the flow of new and inspired energy leading, ultimately, to greater balance and sanity in their daily lives. For example, here are a few quotes from clients:

■ "I love to come home after Robin's been here, it feels so good!"



JUDITH GLASS & SHEILA SABINE  
House Talk

She cleans homes and offices all over the East Bay Area using products that are free of harsh chemicals — and the results speak for themselves.

■ "I have more energy to do what I want to do!"

■ "The best thing I did for myself in 2000 was to have Robin come every other week!"

■ "She helps us to feel more sane!"

When Sheila Sabine asked Robin Burns what advice she would give our readers, here's what she said:

■ By all means, stop buying cleaning products that are not good for you (or the planet) and start experimenting with some of the eco-friendly alternatives.

■ Find small ways of creating order in your home; think like a minimalist.

■ When you have a respect for details, the quality of your life will actually improve!

■ Try to see your home from a fresh perspective and with new eyes — it will give you ideas for creative changes.

Robin will consult and help you find in local stores what works for your specific needs.

To learn more about Robin Burns' services and the use of eco-friendly products, she can be reached at 510-527-8885, or by email at antidust@flash.net.

Judith Glass and Sheila Sabine comprise an East Bay residential real estate team at the Piedmont office of Prudential California Realty. Call them at 510-326-5055 or at [www.GlassSabine.com](http://www.GlassSabine.com).

## Evaluating a neighborhood

■ Get to know the surroundings before you buy that home

INMAN NEWS

There is more to judging a neighborhood than curb appeal or stellar school scores. Dig beneath the statistics and your emotions to get the complete picture.

It's important to know where a neighborhood has been — and

where it is going — before you decide to buy there. Here are some places to start.

**Head for the statistics:** Between FBI crime statistics, school scores now available from several national companies and demographic information culled from U.S. Bureau of the Census and other sources, it's now possible to break out a lot of valuable numbers about a community, much of it online. This means

that you as a buyer are no longer dependent on anecdotal information only about school quality or crime levels. You can see for yourself.

**Go to city hall:** The last thing you want to find out about the neighborhood of your dreams is that there is a huge discount-tire store due to be built on the big empty lot right across the street

See EVALUATE, Page B3

### Real Estate Spotlight:

## Shangri-la in Emeryville



**MINUTES AWAY FROM EVERYTHING**, and light-years away from it all: a handcrafted home at 1281 61st Street, Emeryville, that harmonizes materials, light and scale. This custom-designed sanctuary is a marriage of colorful hardwoods, rich hand-finished surfaces and lush gardens, evoking the exotic feeling of a distant and secluded hideaway. Such attention to detail by a designer-builder is rarely seen anywhere; the house is itself a living work of art.

The facade combines 53 Douglas fir windows, all hand made, with industrial CorTen steel wrapping around the bottom 8 feet. In between is a smooth layer of naturally colored French limestone. The galvanized steel roof gleams atop the second story.

With its soaring entranceway, imposing wood staircase to the huge loft (with 16-foot motorized movie screen), and modern living spaces, the house is a model of individuality and possibilities. Clean lines are enhanced by Brazilian Cherry floors and a chef's kitchen, featuring Mahogany and stainless. There is a feeling of smooth, unfettered surfaces in this spacious and elegant one-bedroom, two-bath masterpiece. Surrounded by a tranquil, private garden with an outdoor dining room, the entire property enjoys the rustle of bamboo and the babbling of a fish pond.

Price: \$800,000. Listing agent: Michael Friedman, Prudential, 510-868-1447, [www.FriedmanRealtor.com](http://www.FriedmanRealtor.com). Open Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.

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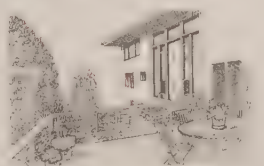
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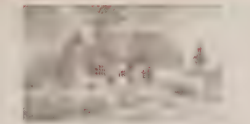
**MONTCLAIR \$775,000**  
5511 LaSalle Avenue  
The birds are singing in this dramatic natural habitat nestled in a Japanese garden setting. View koi pond from floor-to-ceiling windows. Custom designed deck and kitchen.  
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**PIEDMONT \$659,000**  
170 Lake Avenue  
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**LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$670,000**  
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**MONTCLAIR \$575,000**  
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Nahid Nassiri 510-339-4550

**SAN LEANDRO \$569,000**  
1520 Superior Avenue  
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**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$479-489,000**  
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Unique opportunity. Just listed! Two lovely homes on a private lane, perfect arrangement for extended family or shared living. Both one level, three bedrooms, two baths and completely separate creek-side lots. Level yards surrounded by trees.  
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**OAKLAND \$335,000**  
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Great investment property with spacious units. Upside rent potential.  
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1351 East 25th  
3 Br/1.25Ba. Deep lot. Original molding/built-ins. 2 gas fireplaces. Best value for area. Probate. Come see! Expansion potential.  
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### By Appointment

**PIEDMONT \$799,000**  
You'll find plenty of charm in this beautiful Spanish style 3 BD/1.5 BA plus office is within walking to 3 schools, K-12. Enjoy the spacious floor plan, covered ceilings and multi wood-paneled windows. Chef's kitchen with breakfast room. 1 car attached garage. Lush landscaping offers a lovely setting.  
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**MONTCLAIR \$799,000**  
Views and convenient access to hiking trails make this perfect for nature lovers and city buffs alike. Don't miss out on this updated 4 BR/3.5 BA contemporary with stunning panoramic views of SF and the bay. Gorgeous hardwood floors, granite countertops, formal dining area and decks perfect for entertaining.  
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The private garden setting makes this a picture perfect 3 BR/2 BA contemporary with lovely canyon views. Family room and multiple decks, new hot tub and huge yard offer great spaces for entertaining! 1 car garage. Expansion potential.  
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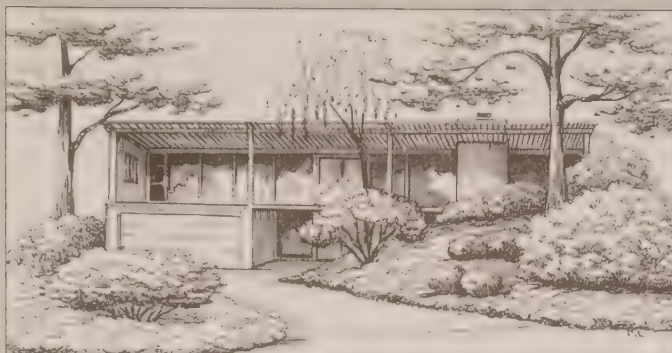
**OAKLAND \$429,000**  
Great investment property with Bay view. Freshly painted. Good upside potential rent.  
Linda Oliva 510-339-4000

**KING ESTATES \$412,000**  
Artfully remodeled 3 BD/1.5 BA with private deck overlooking bay. All new kitchen, bath, whirlpool tub, double pane windows, FDR, versatile floor plan, terraced landscaped garden with view, friendly neighborhood.  
Joe Ashton 510-339-4000

**OAKLAND \$200,000**  
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**Real Estate Focus:****Mid-century modern home on over 1/3 acre**

**DESIGNED BY NOTED ARCHITECT EDWARD KILLINGSWORTH** in 1965, this home is a masterful work of dramatic open spaces and architectural sculpture. Trees embrace the home through sunlit walls of floor-to-ceiling windows. The extraordinary 10-foot high doors and cabinets elegantly mirror the strong vertical lines of the design theme. The dining room is breathtaking — an experience of being outdoors amongst the trees.

The main floor consists of a large entry, formal living and dining rooms, kitchen, master bedroom and a library with floor to ceiling built-in bookshelves. Downstairs are a second entry foyer, two additional bedrooms and a full bathroom. This home is a work-of-art in a park-like setting of privacy and seclusion with glimpses of the Bay.

Price: \$1,150,000.

Listing agent: Chris Cohn, The Grubb Co., 510-339-0400, ext. 253, 510-301-1400, www.Grubbco.com, www.Berkeley-Properties.com, email CCohn@Grubbco.com

**It's all a matter of perception**

Fixed-rate mortgages are up from their lowest lows last spring. Countless borrowers are disappointed that when the rates hit bottom, the lending industry was so jammed they could not process the files fast enough. Some large institutions were quoting 60 days before an underwriter even saw the loan package.

Those lenders who would lock a loan insisted on at least a 60-day lock. Pricing for a 60-day lock is about a half a point (1 point is 1 percent of the loan amount) more than the normal 21-day lock.

Well, as things settle down, one of our biggest lenders, AccuBanc, a division of National City Mortgage, reminded us that rates are still great! They told us that it was all a matter of perception.

**Did you know**

■ Thirty-year fixed rate mortgages are better today than they were a year ago?

■ Fifty percent of all outstanding mortgage debt is still refinancable at today's rates?

■ 5/1 ARMs (30-year amortized loan, fixed for 5 years and then becomes a one-year adjustable rate

mortgage) are still in the 4.75 percent range?

■ The start rate on a one-year ARM is as low as 3.25 percent?

In reviewing the support material I was surprised to find they were right. Rates actually did not start moving down significantly until mid-November 2002 and hit their lowest point in June.

The costs for mortgage interest rates move up and down as the market dictates. Since the decision not to create any new 30-year bonds, the benchmark for interest rates has become the 10-year bond yield.

When you hear that there is a rally in the bond market, that means the cost of the bonds is moving higher pushing the bond yield down. The lower the bond yield, the lower the interest rates.

Here's a rule-of-thumb formula, that we have used for several years. Look at the 10-year bond yield and add 2 points to give you the current interest rate of a zero-point 30-year fixed conforming loan (to \$322,700 for a single family home).

The 10-year bond yield in June 2003 averaged 3.30 percent and the



**KAREN SENZIG**  
Mortgage Madness

zero-point interest rate was about 5.375 percent. In August 2003 the ten-year bond bounced up to 4.40 percent and the zero-point interest rate was 6.375 percent.

So, as AccuBanc reminded us, interest rates are still the lowest in 40 years, just not as low as last spring.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached (510) 339-8511, fax (510) 339-3814, e-mail at Ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any Mortgage Questions and/or topics for discussion.

**Your investment mix helps determine your portfolio's risk**

Fluctuations in the market over the past few years may be making you more concerned about risk than you used to be. Fear of losses has left many investors wondering how to manage their portfolios.

It is important to be aware of both potential declines in the value of your portfolio, as well as inflationary risk — the possibility that your investments do not return enough to keep up with inflation.

While it can be challenging to find the right balance of stocks, bonds and cash for your account, there are a few basics to consider. First, you should think about what your goals are for the funds — like sending a child to college or purchasing your dream home.

Then, you should consider the amount of time you have to prepare for those events and how much risk you are comfortable with. These factors will help determine what percentage of your portfolio should be in each type of investment. Your financial consultant can also be a good guide in helping to determine what mix is right for you.

Once you have determined the percentage of stocks, bonds and cash, you should look more specifically at the different types of investments and determine the risks associated with them.

**Stocks** — Each type of stock has a unique risk and reward potential and diversifying your holdings is critical. As you plan your stock portfolio, determining how

many stocks you should hold, in what quantity and in which companies can be difficult but is not impossible. Having a good mixture, ideally between 20 and 30 different stocks, from six to eight different sectors can help you reduce some of the volatility of your portfolio.

**Bonds** — Diversification of your bond holdings is also important. There are three primary bond types from which to choose: Government (e.g., U.S. Treasury securities), corporate and municipal.

Keep in mind, each of these fixed-income investments will have different terms (times to maturity) and yields (interest rates). Yields typically vary by the type of bond and the amount of risk associated with the bond.

**Cash** — The cash portion of your portfolio is often considered the most stable portion because it typically returns your original investment to you. Cash includes investments like certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasury Bills.

Because the value of your investments continually changes, you may need to adjust your investment mix to make sure you are still exposed to the right amount of risk.

For example, a decline in the stock market may mean the percentage of assets invested in stocks declines from 70 percent to 60 percent.

This could present a good buying opportunity for stocks to return your portfolio to its original



**LEILA S. GOUGH**  
Money Matters

percentages of stocks, bonds and cash.

Just as it is important to maintain balance in your portfolio, it is also vital to remember that the cause you have determined your investment mix should not mean it is permanent. Adjustments to your portfolio over time are necessary.

You should work with a financial consultant to understand your portfolio as your lifestyle changes, such as adding a child to your family, sending a child to college or retirement.

Remember, as your goals evolve, it is likely your investment mix may also change. Fine tuning your portfolio over time to time are necessary to keep your exposure to volatility, keep you on course to reach your financial goals.

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# your 'golden years'? Let time and tide take care of your children

number 441 in a series of true  
news in real estate  
in a bunch this week, we  
from several readers  
information and conver-  
Anet answered one call  
charming man I'll call Tom  
died right off if there would  
to come see us at  
Tom said he was think-  
selling his house. "Except,"  
immediately added, "I really  
want to sell."

He suggested that Tom tell  
me right then while they  
connected by phone, and  
said, saying that he'd lived  
house in Rockridge for  
more than 40 years. He and his  
and raised their children  
but they'd all grown up and  
away. Now a widower,  
and alone and was getting  
lone.

Why think of selling? Anet  
Well it's a big house, was  
planned, full of posses-  
and since he didn't expect  
forever, and he has five  
Tom is worried about  
will happen between them  
he is gone.

He put his house in a liv-  
ing? Anet wanted to know.  
and named his daughter, the  
one of his children who lives  
as successor trustee. Ex-  
Anet told him. A trust  
is the best, easiest and  
expensive way for Tom's  
son to inherit his estate.

He fretted, "how will my  
son deal with my property?"  
He all got busy lives and  
live in other places. It just  
seem right to leave them  
which should properly be  
to do."

Tom went on to describe his  
house in need of updat-  
numerous belongings that  
need to be sorted, distrib-  
thrown out. "Wouldn't it be  
cheaper," he asked, "to redo  
kitchen, clean out the accu-  
tion, sell the house now?"

Where would you go? Anet  
didn't know. He had no idea. "And  
being where you are?"  
Anet asked. She asked if he was  
around ok? Stairs a prob-  
lem, no," said Tom. "I'm get-  
ting just fine."

value  
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your quaint bungalow. Your  
county's zoning and/or  
authorities are good  
for any kind of planning  
ment for the town. If you want  
sure that the rural hideaway  
just bought stays that way,  
work with these officials. Large pro-  
like major road construction  
years out from the ac-  
tual date.

switch up with the community;  
to know what's really hap-  
ing in a neighborhood? Ask the  
barber. It may sound like a  
joke, but nobody knows a neigh-  
hood like the people who work  
day in and day out. For your  
best neighborhood on your  
different times of day and  
Talk to neighbors. Visit nearby  
shops and shops. Subscribe to  
local paper.

all local papers can be  
of information you can use  
ing out a neighborhood or  
unity. If you depend on pub-  
transportation, find out what is  
like and how accessible it is.  
up and from the house from  
different directions, not just  
most scenic route that your  
used when showing you the

think 'resale' potential: It's dif-  
to think about reselling the  
house you're about to buy,  
the quality of a neighborhood  
is a big role, whether you are  
in least or most expensive  
on the block. Get a list of  
for sale in the neighborhood  
your agent to determine how  
they've been on the  
market. If properties haven't been  
quickly, you'll want to find  
out whether it's just the market  
or whether there are any  
neighborhood issues that may  
make resale difficult.

finding the hot spots: A good  
time to start looking for tomorrow's  
neighborhoods is right on the  
edge of the most desirable, well-es-  
tablished neighborhoods. These  
central neighborhoods frequently  
next in line to experience a run-  
up in prices. Other signs of a neigh-  
hood heating up in popularity  
multiple-offer home sales, an in-  
crease in the number of out-of-area  
people moving in, a decrease in the  
percentage of renters and signs of  
gentrification.

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"So, the only reason you  
would go through clearing and  
cleaning, redoing, selling and  
moving would be for the sake of  
your children?" Yes.

"Don't do it," was Anet's ad-  
vice. She told her new acquain-  
tance that he'd done everything  
he should do. He had a trust, his  
daughter was named. "What's  
your hurry?" Anet happily asked.  
"You might easily be around for  
another 20 years."

"So go on that vacation, Tom.  
Enjoy every minute. Live your  
life," said Anet. "Besides, Tom,  
trying to anticipate what should  
be done to a house when you  
don't know when it will be sold  
just doesn't make sense."

Styles change, preferences,  
too. Beyond keeping the house in  
reasonable repair, if the way it is  
now suits you, nothing else needs  
to be done."

As far as moving somewhere  
else, Anet told Tom, finding and

buying, then selling is so compli-  
cated and consuming that unless  
he really needs to move, he  
shouldn't even think of putting  
himself through it. "Stay in your  
house as long as you possibly  
can. Count yourself as one of the  
lucky ones."

Cleaning out the house would  
only make sense if it were some-  
thing Tom wanted to do for him-  
self. In that case, by all means,  
start in. "But if you would be do-  
ing it for your kids, no."

The last thing your children  
would want is for you to spend  
these golden years going through  
stuff. When the time comes,  
they'll figure it out. People do it all  
the time."

Anet said that it is true that  
there can be disagreement  
among siblings over who gets  
what. But it can also be the case  
that no one cares. Not long ago  
we handled the sale of a house  
that had been left, along with a

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full complement of contents, to a  
daughter. She didn't want a thing.  
She didn't even go look at what  
was there but instead hired an es-  
tate liquidator to empty the  
house.

"Most of all," Anet pleaded her  
point, "how far must a parent's  
obligation to his children go?"  
She said that she certainly does-  
n't want her own age 80-some-  
thing mother to be "fixing things"

for her children. Far better that  
Anet's mother enjoy every day of  
her life.

When the sad time arrives that  
Anet and her sister must deal with  
mom's affairs, they'll deal with  
them then.

We're both hoping that time  
won't come for another 20 years.  
And we wish the same for Tom  
and for this week's other older  
callers, each of them.



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### Inform Hot Topic

The Alameda Association of Realtors and Inform Committee present representatives of Catellus Development Corporation and Warming Homes speaking on the housing development on the Atlantic Avenue FISC property. The public is always welcome at the Inform. The luncheon meeting is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16. Join the Inform at the Elks Lodge, on Santa Clara in Alameda. Reservations are needed. RSVP by calling AOR at 510-523-7229.

### Mega Open House

Attend the Oakland City Wide Open House Tour, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 18. Realtors and Realtists are coordinating a bus tour of Open Homes within the city, for pre-approved buyers. All homes are available for viewing by the general public. Participants include the Oakland Association of Realtors, Associated Real Property Brokers and the Women's Council of Realtors. Councilmember **Larry Reid** sponsors the event. Register oaklandopenhouse.com or call 510-238-7071. If you wish to submit listings in Oakland for this tour or participate in some other way contact OAR's **Colleen Porter** at 510-588-6810.

### Buy Classes

"Take The Confusion Out Of Purchasing Your Home" promotes in-

formed homebuyers. **Terry Kulka** of Coldwell Banker conducts this class, at the Piedmont Adult School, on Saturday, Oct. 11. Call to register at 510-339-4789. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Unusual Seminar

Attend "Keys To Home Ownership". **Bette Barr** of Alameda Realty and **Anton Mares** of Chase Manhattan present the class. Topics covered include demystifying the search for your home, computing your buying power and strategies for obtaining a downpayment. Join them tomorrow for either a morning or afternoon class. There is limited seating, so call 510-918-9576 for a reservation.

### Home Mosaics

"Your Home" is the focus of a series of monthly home décor seminars being held at Ryan's Antiques. **Kathy Carpio** of Coldwell Banker presents "Accessorizing With Mosaics," this Sunday, Oct. 12. Seating is limited. Contact seminar sponsor **Aileen Matteson** of Coldwell Banker for reservations at 510-881-7755.

### Tax Help

The self-employed and independent contractors learn how to

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### First Time Buyer

Loan Consultant **George Johnson** of Ameristar Financial, offers a

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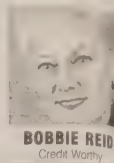
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**Q:** My husband and I refinanced our home this spring. All went well, so I called the loan officer and inquired about a refinance on a rental home we have. This was a no cash out deal; we were just seeking a lower interest rate.

The loan officer took our application over the phone. Escrow was opened by him and an appraisal was ordered by him. He quoted us a rate of 4.88, which we accepted and he sent me an e-mail that the rate was locked. Escrow papers came, were signed and returned. His requests for documents were delivered timely. I arranged with my tenant to be home so the appraisal could be done and I paid the appraiser his fee of \$400.

I inquired several times via e-mail about the loan. I was concerned about the rate lock, as I wasn't getting information regarding the date we could sign and close. I was told in several e-mails to "be patient, my

loan volume is high, and trust me, your rate is locked." I had to ask three times for a written good-faith estimate and I never did receive the truth-in-lending statement that should have accompanied the good-faith estimate.

In one of our last communications in July he informed me that my loan wasn't even 60 days old and that it was taking about 75 days to close loans due to his volume. On Aug. 4, I phoned him to inquire again about closing, and this time



**GEORGE KARVEL**  
Real Estate Q&A

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## Reid

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### WCR LUNCHEON

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter monthly meeting date is Friday, Oct. 17. The meeting begins with networking at 11:30 a.m. The location is Scott's Restaurant at Jack London Square in Oakland. October's topic is "A Legislative Update: Making An Informed Decision For The November Ballot." For reservations call WCR President Patricia Bouie Hinds of Classic Investments at 510-834-0702 or bouiehinds@sbcglobal.net.

### WHO'S WHO?

■ For the past five years, the Northern California region of Coldwell Banker has been honored by Habitat for Humanity with the "Golden Hammer Award." They re-

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■ Realtor Madelyn Mitchell has made a move. Pacific Union Real Estate in Montclair is now the place to hang her hat. Mitchell is the creator of the "Speak Up For A Child" ad campaign benefiting the CASA program. Ask how you can help, call her at 510-338-1385.

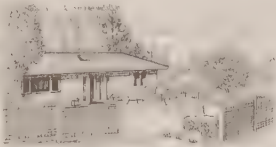
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**2247 Oregon Street, Berkeley**

Conveniently located near shopping and commute, this charming 2Bed/1Bath Bungalow has been wonderfully updated and remodeled by the current owner. Beautiful architectural details, inviting rooms, and a private garden make this a very special home.

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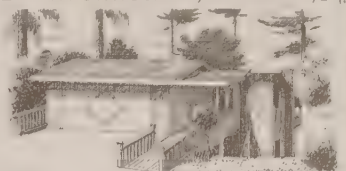
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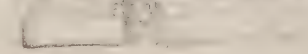
**3750 Atlas Avenue**

Really settle down in this warm 1930's 2+bedroom bath light filled home. Formal dining room, beautiful remodeled kitchen with granite counters, bar, comfortable rumpus room with fireplace, 2 car garage with interior access. Level yard. Near SF

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\$479,000

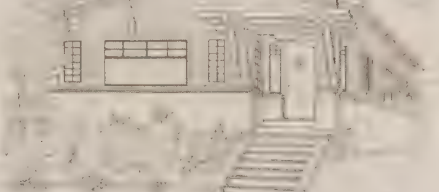
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**1069 GARDENIA TERRACE, ALAMEDA.** Contemporary home on Bay Farm Island. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 level & spacious floor plan. Lots of natural light & beautiful rear garden. \$629,000  
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**921 GRAND ST., ALAMEDA.** Gorgeous Gold Coast Pattern ready 1895 Colonial Revival. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, great room, lots of details, marbled original chime. \$1,699,000  
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**1619 - 46TH AVE., OAKLAND.** SIX STUDIO UNITS. Great starter rental, off street parking and close to BART. \$369,000  
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**4516 BROOKDALE AVE., OAKLAND.** Sunny & spacious, 2+ bedrooms, large dining room with original caribbean built-ins, large kitchen, breakfast nook & view of the hills. \$375,000  
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**3620 MALCOLM AVE., OAKLAND.** Beautiful ranch style home in Oakland hills. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, bonus sun room with spectacular view. Rampant room, fireplace, hot tub, nice landscaping, attached 2 car garage. \$550,000  
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**Oakland**  
\$415,000 5407 Hillen Dr. OPEN SUN 2-4 Cute 1-level 2bd, 1ba bungalow with updated kitchen & formal dining room. Fireplace in living room. Maryann 510-814-4873.

**\$429,000 2865 Morcom Ave., Maxwell Park Home.** 1-level, 3+bd, 1.5ba, family room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen. Tere 510-814-4840

**\$449,500 2331 23rd Ave. OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4** Duplex, both 2 BD, 1 BA units. Lower unit is very bright, Pergo floor in living room, tile floor in kitchen area. Eunice 510-814-4892

**\$650,000 1775 & 1779 Chase St., 1788 8th.** 5 lots to be sold together. Call for details! Kathy 510-814-4706

**Castro Valley**  
\$435,000 1515 Grove Way. OPEN SUN 2-4. Bright & beautiful single level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with many upgrades! Fireplace, 2-car garage and easy access to 880 & 580. Tere 510-814-4840.

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\$339,000 2213 Oak Creek Pl. OPEN SUN 1-4 Spacious 2 bedroom end unit in well maintained complex. Fireplace, interior laundry, backyard & attached 2-car garage. Community pool and tennis court. Jane 510-814-4810.

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\$1,350,000 1475 1591th Ave. 8 residential ground floor units and a 3bd home all on one lot over 3/4 acre, 4 blocks to Bayfair shopping center. May be possible to build more units?? Bev & George 510-814-4831.

**PENDING**  
\$489,000 533 Drew St. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Mint 1-level 3bd, 2ba home with granite floors in living room & family room. Marble slab kitchen counter. Dual pane windows. Eunice 510-814-4892.

**PENDING**  
\$355,000 5150 Diamond Heights Blvd. 306 B. OPEN SUN 2-4 Spectacular views of Bay Bridge & East Bay, 1bd, 1ba condo, dual pane windows, fireplace. Chuck 510-814-4847.



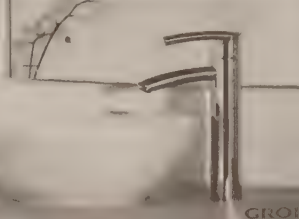
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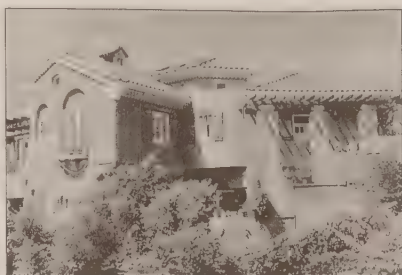


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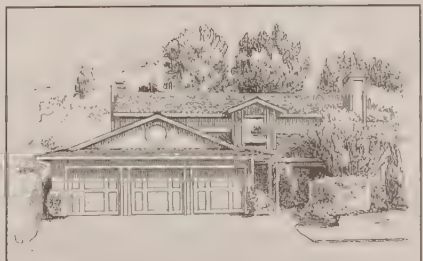
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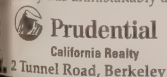
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### 6218 View Crest Drive, Oakland

Lovely Contemporary features a living room with fireplace, a large formal dining area, U-shaped kitchen with a walk-in pantry, an informal dining area, family room with fireplace, a huge adjoining enclosed sun room, half bath and a laundry room which accesses the three car garage. Three bedrooms, including the master suite with its deluxe bath, and a hallway full bath are on the upper level. Special interior appointments, great curb appeal and a large fenced backyard and patio identify this unmistakably as a high quality home.

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## Karvel

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was told his rate lock did not take, and that the current rate is now 7 percent. He went on to explain that I was not the only one he had this problem with and that there was nothing he could do. He also started to tell me how bad his company is, but I cut him off and asked why he waited so long to tell me. His reply was he was hoping rates would go down.

I sent a letter to the company detailing the transaction. They signed for it two weeks ago, but I have yet to get a reply. I ended the letter stating that since I had in writing the rate lock and had complied with all requests including paying for the appraisal they ordered, I felt the loan should close at the rate quoted.

In talking to other mortgage lenders (friends), I have learned that some lenders play the market: not locking the rate as they say they do until the rate drops lower. By doing so, they make more money. I am not aware of how that works, but if that is the case I believe I may be a victim, as interest rates went up after our rate lock.

I am wondering what recourse may be available to me.

A. Given that hundreds of thousands of mortgage loan are made and refinanced each year there are always some horror stories of unethical or fraudulent mortgage loan officers. Some acts are so egregious that people are sent to prison.

In your case the problem is unfortunate but that does not mean you have any legal rights to enforce the representations of the loan officer. Only an attorney can advise you with regard to any legal action that may be taken against the loan officer or mortgage company. You will also need to consider the cost

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**640 60th St., Oakland**  
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time to resolve the  
There is no easy resolution.  
I have a question regarding a  
I went through when at-  
I contacted Hamilton Na-  
Mortgage Company (Penn-  
and applied for a 10-year  
At the time of the appli-  
I was required to pay a "non-  
\$490 application fee

Shortly thereafter, I was approved  
for the loan, and was given a clos-  
ing date of June 24.

For four to five days at a time, I  
did not hear from the mortgage  
company at all (regarding out-  
standing paperwork etc). Then,  
come mid-June, they forewarn me  
that the closing date may have to  
be moved back a week or two (I'm  
guessing due to the amount of work  
they had). When early July rolled  
around, I attempted to call them for  
a full week, but their telephone line  
had been disconnected (apparently,  
they were in the process of moving,  
but chose not to tell me).

Finally, in mid-July (three-plus  
weeks after the original agreed-upon  
closing date), they contacted me to  
schedule a new closing date (early  
August). It just so happens that in  
the interim (on July 18), I took an  
"early retirement" from my job. When  
the mortgage company learned of  
this, they immediately canceled my

application (since I could no longer  
provide income verification), and  
stated that they would be keeping  
the application fee.

Is this legitimate? If we had  
closed on the original agreed-upon  
date, none of this would've been an  
issue, since I had already been ap-  
proved for the loan. Does a lack of  
coordination on their part give them

the right to drag their feet as long  
as they want, and eventually renege  
on an application they had previ-  
ously approved, since my circum-  
stances had changed?

A \$490 problem is, unfortu-  
nately, not worth the time and ex-  
pense to hire an attorney. You have  
a reasonable argument but so does  
the mortgage company. One, the

level of refinancing business was  
so great that delay is not unex-  
pected. Further, without the income  
to qualify to pay back the loan you  
are no longer eligible for the loan.  
Lastly in your own words the \$490  
was a "nonrefundable fee".

You may report their action to

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**2425 Monterey, Montclair**

Charming bungalow in a private setting close to the golf course. Two bedrooms  
and two baths. Bonus room could be third bedroom. Living room with fireplace  
& hardwood floors. Property next door is owned by the city. Very cute.

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Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Tantalizing Mediterranean home in the North Berkeley  
hills! This inviting, romantic home boasts 5 bdms, 2 baths,  
spectacular Bay views, & stunning living room w/ vaulted  
ceiling. The elegant kitchen features granite countertops,  
custom cherry wood cabinets & stainless steel appliances  
for the serious cooks.

**Terese Ashman 524-9888 x11 \$975,000**



**682 Creston Rd., Berkeley**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Great price for this large, well-maintained, secluded and  
private home. Glorious Golden Gate and San Francisco  
views. Large living room leads to a formal dining room;  
there is a spacious family room, 3 bedrooms and 3 baths.  
Hardwood floors, 2-car garage, lovely patio and backyard  
area.

**Maya Trilling 524-9888 x18 \$799,000**



**1068 Ordway Street, Albany**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Elegant 2 bdrm with a spacious living room/ dining area.  
Fireplace, hwd floors, fabulous, remodeled eat-in kitchen  
with Corian counters. French doors to deck and yard from  
both the kitchen and the master bedroom.

**Jane Allen 524-9888 x23 \$545,000**



**3028 Shattuck @ Essex, Berkeley**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

Fabulous opportunity to create commercial dream. Sweet 2+  
bdms, 1 bath Victorian set in garden oasis in up and coming  
commercial zone. Full basement, plenty of room for parking.  
Near BART, La Peña, Nomad Café, and Berkeley Bowl.

**Nancy Mueller 524-9888 x20 \$525,000 As Is**



**1655 Scenic, Berkeley**  
By Appointment

Gorgeous Mediterranean condo w/ sun-filled rooms!  
Architectural details in large living room w/ fireplace,  
formal dining room, spacious kitchen, 2 bdms/1.5 baths.  
Feels like a home with indoor entrance from private garage  
& large basement. Excellent location near U.C. & all the  
amenities of North Berkeley.

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**4293 Whittle, Oakland**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Price! A cul-de-sac hideaway just a few blocks from  
shops and freeway access in the Lincoln Heights  
neighborhood of Oakland. This charming 2+ bdrm, 1 bath  
plus au-pair offers a flexible floor plan and a backyard to  
delight the most avid gardener.

**Joan Brunswick 524-9888 x12 \$499,000**



**1927 Vine, Berkeley**  
Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00 & By Appointment

New Listing! Brown shingle condo with vintage details in  
North Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto. Upper unit of a 1904  
building with two units. Two bedrooms, one bath with  
clawfoot tub, updated kitchen & bath, plus pantry room w/ lots  
of storage. Hwd floors, new vinyl in kitchen and bath, new  
Berber on stairs. Ideal location near all of the urban pleasures of  
North Berkeley.

**Arlene Baxter 524-9888 x19 \$395,000**



**1042 Dwight Way, Berkeley**  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Listing! 2 bdms, 1 bath, sweet and pristine kitchen  
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your state's attorney general. You may also file a claim for refund in small claims court. Your local clerk of court can advise you of the process and you may represent yourself.

Q. I have been troubled for the last several years about a real estate transaction that I find out now was apparently against the real es-

tate rules. The lot next door to us was finally put up for sale by the estate of the lady who owned it. After checking it out, I found out that it was unbuildable because of the site of the septic tank and well positions.

It was put on the market for \$40,000, so I thought I would take a chance and make a bid for \$8,000, knowing it was unbuildable. So they came back with a bid of \$16,000, and then I gave the real estate agent my next bid of \$10,000. She said "I don't want to take any

of these frivolous bids." So not realizing that was something she was not able to do (refusing a bid), I just gave up on it.

Right after that, it was sold, and I thought that was kind of strange. I went to the city records and found out that her boss (the owner of the real estate agency) bought it for \$10,000. I was really ticked off.

I looked for all my real estate papers but could not find them because I thought the whole thing was

over with, and I must have tossed them. So now the new owner gets a seawall put up but has it moved further out so that miraculously now there is enough room for a well to be put in. So he keeps it for about a year and puts it on the market for \$60,000. It was sold right away and she kept it for a couple of years and then sold it for \$100,000. What can I do about this real estate agent who cheated me out of the lot? Is it my word against theirs?

A. The time to consider legal action is when the problem arises, not several years later. Lacking any documentation of your offer and activities, coupled with the passage of time, there is little that may be done. Nevertheless, I suggest you present the facts to an attorney. If the records of your offer and calls can be found through a legal discovery process, you certainly have a basis for suing. Also, the real estate agent can be required to testify. Another

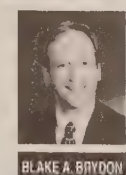
obstacle is time; there are statute of limitations that can be out. Only an attorney can

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**Ashbury Heights**  
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\$699,000



**Eureka Valley/Castro**  
Terrific top floor end unit condo with an excellent floor plan located in the quiet rear of the complex with south views of the hills above the Castro and just steps from shopping, night life and transportation. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, formal dining room, wood burning fireplace, 1 car garage parking.

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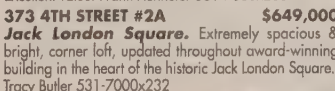
## OPEN 2-4:30



**6 PERTH PLACE** \$2,100,000  
**Claremont Hills.** Huge price reduction, amazing workmanship, compare what you see in this price anywhere. 4BD/3 full BA, new Mediterranean with Bay view. Heidi Kearsley 531-7000x295



**1909 BERKELEY WAY** \$825,000  
**North Berkeley.** 5+ Units near U.C. Owners unit 2BD/2BA. Other units are studios. Wonderful location near shopping, transit, parks, restaurants, BART. Excellent value. Frank Hennefer 531-7000x235



**373 4TH STREET #2A** \$649,000  
**Jack London Square.** Extremely spacious & bright, corner loft, updated throughout award-winning building in the heart of the historic Jack London Square. Tracy Butler 531-7000x232



**482 JEAN STREET** \$550,000  
**Oakland.** Back on market...Don't miss out again! Spacious 3BD/2BA home including master bedroom suite. Large living room & formal dining room. Additional plus rooms in the full basement. Plus the large lot makes this a very desirable property. Kevin P. Kennedy 531-7000x204



**2837 ADAMS** \$495,000  
**Alameda.** Make this cozy cape cod style cottage your own! 3BD/2BA, spacious liv. room, efficient galley kitchen with dining area. Sweet garden & backyard patio area. Carol Robbiani 531-7000x292

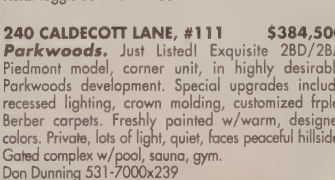
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**362 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE** \$399,000  
**Adams Point.** Urban Oasis! 20 minutes from downtown. Classic 20's home with 2BD/2BA, roomy, sunny plus room, converted garage, updated kitchen. Move-in condition! Stan Hammond 531-7000x246



**3300 COLUMBIAN** \$399,000  
**Oakland Foothills.** Superb craftsmanship & great attention to detail make this exquisitely remodeled 2+BD/2BA home a stand out. Gorgeous chefs kitchen. Large deck, some views & lovely garden make this a 10! Heidi Tuggle 531-7000x286



**240 CALDECOTT LANE, #111** \$384,500  
**Parkwoods.** Just Listed! Exquisite 2BD/2BA Piedmont model, corner unit, in highly desirable Parkwoods development. Special upgrades include recessed lighting, crown molding, customized frpic, Berber carpets. Freshly painted w/warm, designer colors. Private, lots of light, quiet, faces peaceful hillside. Gated complex w/pool, sauna, gym. Don Dunning 531-7000x239



**322 HANOVER AVENUE** \$310,000  
**Lake Merritt.** 2BD/2BA spacious unit with wood burning fireplace, very nice unit with a lot of natural light, new appliances including washer & dryer. New carpet & fresh paint. Patsy Buhler 531-7000x238

## OPEN 2-4:30



**424 STATEN AVENUE #203** \$199,000  
**Adams Point.** 1BD/1BA wonderfully light & bright, new appliances, carpet, paint, large balcony across the front of unit. One block from theater, restaurants. Enjoy farmers market on Saturdays. Patsy Buhler 531-7000x238



**CHARMIGN MEDITERRANEAN**  
**Fruitvale.** Four plex on cul-de-sac. All one plus bedrooms. Parking. Beth DeAtley 531-7006x234

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**GRACIOUS FORMAL HOME** \$879,000  
**Crocker Highlands.** 1919 Classic. Spacious, light-filled rooms, solarium, library, peaceful canyon views. Wonderful for entertaining. 4BD/3.5BA. Stan Hammond 531-7000x246



**CRAFTSMAN-PRICE REDUCED** \$452,000  
**North Oakland.** Hardwood floors! Older, original charm. Living room w/stone/brick fireplace, family room/study & also 3BD/2BA/ Great large rear yard w/multiple fruit trees, & 2-car garage. Frank Hennefer 531-7000x235

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**LIGHT FILLED OPEN LOFT** \$349,000  
**Downtown Oakland.** 2BD/2BA condo everything, shopping, restaurants, Jack London Square, BART around the corner from Le Cheval & Friday. Heidi Kearsley 531-7000x295

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**COMMERCIAL + 4 RES. UNITS** \$799,000  
**Oakland.** Two store fronts w/4 upper residential units. Off-street parking behind building. Zoning C-20. live/work owner. High traffic flow, High income potential. Frank Hennefer 531-7000x235

**FIVE SPACIOUS FLATS** \$699,000  
**North Oakland.** Traditional styling, many upgrades. Immediate cash flow. Anne Bruff 531-7000x235

**4 PLEX** \$579,000  
**Adams Point.** 1903 charm! One bedroom, two decks, yard, washer/dryer hookups, great location, great investor or owner - occupant property. Beth DeAtley 531-7006x234

**IMMACULATE 7-UNIT BUILDING** \$549,000  
**Allendale Park.** Exceptionally clean, three units, can fill vacancies by COE. 9.5 GRM. Immediate cash flow. Pedram Karbassi 531-7000x235

**VINTAGE DUPLEX** \$519,000  
**China Hill.** Gorgeous 2BD/1BA owners unit & details abound. Upstairs 1BD/1BA unit is sunny & large basement, 2-car garage. Close to Lake Merritt, many shops & restaurants. Heidi Tuggle 531-7000x286

**DUPLEX** \$499,000  
**North Oakland.** Upper unit 2BD/1BA, dining area, large eat-in kitchen, w/tall attic & full bath. Lower unit more modern, has 1BD/1BA. Basement used to expand lower unit to 3BD/2BA perhaps. Beth DeAtley 531-7006x234

## LAND

**CLAREMONT HILLS VIEW LOT** \$399,000  
Huge possibilities. This lot sits amongst beautiful homes, build what you want sitting on your own lot looking out towards the bay. Heidi Kearsley 531-7000x295

**EL CERRITO BAY VIEW LOTS** \$279,000  
Two panoramic bay view lots on Bonnie Dr. in El Cerrito. One lot nearly level, the other slight decline. Utilities located within street. But what a view! Frank Hennefer 531-7000x235

**BAY VIEW** \$189,000  
7,316 sq. ft. lot. Gentle upslope. Oakland neighborhood of 1,000,000 homes. Anne Bruff 531-7006x283

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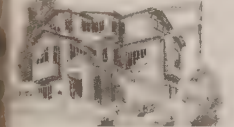


## OPEN HOMES



**Claremont Hills**  
1628 Grand View Dr.  
3+BR 5 BA Mediterranean w/Golden  
Gate & SF views. Gourmet kitchen/fam  
rm., formal dining  
Jeffrey Needleman  
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**Oakland Hills**  
8877 Elverton  
New construction w/smart design  
4+BR, 4.5BA, FR, gourmet kitchen,  
views galore! Perfect!  
Phyllis Grant  
510.339.4700



**Montclair Estates**  
6060 Estates Dr.  
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4+BR 3.5 BA 3+ years new Craftsman  
Special qualities throughout, 2 family  
rooms, make this home special!  
Diana Conroy  
510.339.4700

**Claremont Heights**  
15 Live Oak Rd.  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
4+BR 3.5BA Level-in design, views,  
chef's kitchen, terrace, many upgrades,  
lavish master.  
David Echert  
510.339.4700

**Crocker Highlands**  
1278 Sunnyside Rd.  
Sun 2 - 5  
Tudor revival; 3+BR 2BA; leaded glass,  
French drs, beam ceiling; room used as  
home theater  
Tina Lancaster  
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**Rockridge**  
5046 Cochrane Ave.  
Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 3 BA 10-year-old, state of the art  
custom, 1-owner home. Big fam rm,  
upgrades, lots of storage.  
Arlene  
510.339.4700

**Claremont Hills**  
7235 Buckingham  
Sun 1:30 - 4:30  
3 BR 2 BA Brown-Shingle w/Contemp  
floor! Terrific natural site & entertaining  
space. Some views too.  
Tina Lum  
510.339.4700

**Oakland**  
2673 San Diego Rd.  
Sun 2 - 4  
1 owner, Colonial in 1000 Oaks!  
w/HVAC/ADA. Features: hwd flrs., frsh.  
paint, landscaped garden.  
James Brown  
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**Piedmont**  
120 Latham St.  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
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Piedmont, enchanting garden off eat-in  
kitchen.  
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### OPEN HOMES

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room w. built-ins.  
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**Montclair**  
7000 Snake Rd.  
Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 3 BA Enjoy sylvan retreat with  
stunning Bay/SF/bridge views, fam. rm.,  
side yard & slate patio  
Dan Joy  
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**Rockridge (Upper)**  
138 Alta  
Sun 2 - 5  
2+ BR 2 BA Charming Tudor w/3-bridge  
Bay view, level lawn, FDR, FR, HWF.  
Gorgeous!  
Nancy Dicev  
510.339.4700

**Berkeley**  
2114 Marin Ave.  
Sun 2 - 4  
5 BR 3 BA Traditional tri-lvl, 5+BR 3BA,  
view of Bay, HWF, kit w/nook, frpl in  
LR, freshly painted.  
Gloria Anthony  
510.339.4700

**Montclair**  
6646 Heather Ridge Way  
Sun 2 - 5  
3+ BR 2.5 BA. Easy maint. home built in  
1996 by well-known local builder. Light  
& airy.  
Joan Alford  
510.339.4700

**Oakland**  
9120 Skyline Blvd.  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 3 BA Light & bright. Level entry,  
family room, updated eat-in kitchen,  
light & bright. Views.  
Terry Kulka  
510.339.4700

**Berkeley**  
1403 Glendale Ave.  
Sun 2 - 4  
3+ BR 2+BA & Still Available. Price  
Reduced. Mid-century modern with  
fabulous updates.  
Marilyn Garcia  
510.486.1495

**Crocker Highlands**  
926 Rosemont Rd.  
Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2.5 BA Nice outlook. Sun-lit 1927  
Trad. lovely FR, HWF, FDR, nice kit,  
private patio/lawn area.  
Ruby Ng  
510.339.4700

**Marina Bay/Richmond**  
74 Seabreeze Drive  
Sun 1 - 4  
3 BR 2.5 BA Gated community w/pool.  
Cathedral ceilings, frpl., new paint. On  
Bay, near BART & shops.  
Gregg Lusig  
510.486.1495

**Redwood Heights**  
4327 Atlas  
Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 2 BA Gracious split-level, art-deco  
touches, orig. character intact, special  
bonus room & yard.  
Rachel Baller  
510.339.4700

### OPEN HOMES

**Lincoln Heights**  
2814 Sylowood Rd.  
Sun 1:30 - 4:30  
3 BR 1.5 BA Enchanting retreat in  
Oakland Hills. Almost 1/2 acre of  
magical garden. Built in 1926!  
Terry Anthony  
510.339.4700

**Oakland**  
736 56th St.  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 1 BA Remodeled Craftsman w/all  
original details. Designer kitchen  
w/appl., HWF & full basement  
Gary Robinson  
510.339.4700

**Piedmont Pines**  
5735 Scarborough Dr.  
Sun 1 - 4  
2 BR 2 BA Great potential! Probate sale,  
\$52K pest report, glorious Bay views,  
huge family room.  
Vicky Faulk  
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**Midtown Lofts from Mid**  
426 27th St.  
Sun 12 - 5  
GRAND OPENING! Unique NEW  
Mediterranean complex. Stylish condos  
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**Maxwell Park**  
4733 Allendale  
Sun 1 - 5  
3 BR 1 BA Lovely Tudor on street of  
similar homes. Big country kitchen  
Shows like a model home.  
Donna Conroy  
510.339.4700

**Marina Bay/Richmond**  
1201 Melville Square #208  
Sun 1 - 5  
3 BR 2 BA Condo in beautiful Marina  
Bay. Panoramic views! Near S.F. BART,  
freeway & Bay Trails.  
Melnelva Boyd  
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**Berkeley**  
3033 Acton Street  
Sun 2 - 4  
3 BR 2 BA This 1920 home has it all! 3/2  
in gr8 neighborhood. Complete kitch.  
remod., + bath update.  
Bobbie Giarratana  
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**Berkeley**  
1714 Hearst Ave.  
Sun 1 - 4  
2 BR 1 BA 1364 sq. ft. Contractors  
Project in central Berk. Loc. Victorian-  
esque See Joshwhitmer.com  
Josh Whitmer  
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### BY APPOINTMENT

**Oakland**  
5912 Fremont St.  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
1 BR 1 BA Hdw flrs., gorgeous frpl. in  
LR, office nook off LR, marble kitch  
counter tops  
Kim Marienthal  
510.486.1495

**Hercules**  
173 Palermo Ct.  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 2 BA Cute & cozy condo. Neat and  
clean. Easy access to everything. Central  
heating & cooling  
Reva Tolbert  
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**Piedmont**  
8 BR 5 full BA + 2 half Sunny &  
expansive. Large formal rooms, library,  
rumpus room & indoor pool/spa  
Picturesque landscaping designed by  
Thomas Church  
George Karsant  
510.339.4700

**Oakland**  
3 BR 3.5 BA Elegant home  
w/unobstructed 3 bridge view. Incredible  
quality finishes throughout. Beautifully  
landscaped. 2 car grge. Marble jacuzzi.  
Barbara Marienthal  
510.486.1495

**Montclair**  
5 BR 3 BA Huge price reduction. 8-year  
Contemporary w/stunning SF, Bay &  
Bridge views from most rooms!  
Gracious, open spaces. Amenities  
galore!  
George Karsant  
510.339.4700

**Oakland Hills**  
5 BR 4.5 BA Incredible price! Almost  
new. Bay & canyon views, gourmet  
kitchen/family room combo, fabulous  
master suite, formal living & dining.  
David Echert  
510.339.4700

**Lower Temescal**  
Near Piedmont Ave. & BART 6-unit  
building. Five 2-BR units + 1 studio.  
Gated! All units are vacant. New roof,  
fresh paint. Nice.  
Elena Stone  
510.339.4700

**Berkeley**  
4 BR 3 BA Elegance & Privacy! Nr.  
Indian Rock. This Berk. Traditional is  
nestled amongst mature trees on a  
serene cul-de-sac.  
Nancy Reichert  
510.981.3018

**Montclair**  
4 BR 3.5 BA Unique opportunity to  
complete a partially completed home.  
House is in framed stage & will not be  
completed by seller.  
David Echert  
510.339.4700

## BY APPOINTMENT



**Redwood Heights**  
2+ BR 2 BA SF Bay view! Gleaming  
hardwood floors, large rumpus  
w/separate entrance, 2 FR, brick patio &  
fruit trees  
George Karsant  
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**Berkeley**  
3 BR 1 BA Hi Tech Renovation! Great  
room w. deluxe gourmet kit. Skylights,  
hwd flrs. Renovated from foundation  
to roof 2001  
Rita Zwerdling  
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**Charm, Charm, Charm**  
1 BR 1 BA Plank floors, fireplace,  
archways, winding paths, and private  
courtyard. Close to UC Berkeley.  
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**San Leandro**  
2 BR 1 BA Sweet starter near Lake  
Chabot. Eat-in kitchen. Fruit trees in  
front & rear. Well-kept Bungalow w/E-Z  
commute options nearby  
Lydia Navo  
510.339.4700

**Oakland**  
3 BR 1.5 BA 2-story home w/family  
room off large kitchen. Family room  
opens out to back yard & has 2 alcoves  
for pantry & for sewing or computer  
Joan Alford  
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**Charming Tudor**  
2 BR 1 BA Friendly neighborhood, 5  
min. from Del Norte BART. Fenced  
newly landscaped yard equipped w/bbq  
& deck. New kitchen with new  
appliances  
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2 bedroom unit and rent out the other 2  
units  
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6401 Broadway Terrace Prime view lot  
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plans for a Mediterranean-style villa.  
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## Karvel

FROM PAGE B10

you with regard to whether any legal options remain open. Other than a legal option, when you tell all your friends, and they tell their friends, both the agent and broker will lose more business than they ever gained by their treatment of you. Reputations take a long time to

build but are quickly destroyed.

**Q. We owe approximately \$80,000 with approximately 10 years left at 6.25 percent. We pay extra towards monthly principal and also are with ABN AMRO's bisaver program, where we make a few extra payments during the year. Some banks I called offered 15 years.**

**Should we refinance? If so, what rate should we look for in order to save at least \$50 to \$100 or more per month?**

**What bank should we call? Do banks offer loans for 10 years or less?**

A. There is no advantage to refinancing when your current interest rate is the same as the prevailing interest rate for new mortgages. The recent rise in interest rates means that the opportunity to obtain a 5 percent mortgage loan has passed. For my readers your lost opportunity may be instructive. If someone currently has at least a 7

percent mortgage they should investigate refinancing before interest rates move higher. Assuming the economy continues to recover interest rates are not likely to move lower.

**Q. I recently got married. I am wondering whether there is another way to get my wife's name on the deed besides going through another closing. I just refinanced and do not want to pay another \$3,000 for closing costs just to get her name on**

**the deed. Since the deed is in my name only, my wife is concerned that my ex-wife may be able to get her hands on the property if something were to happen to me. I've already paid my ex-wife her half of the equity, but I have two children ages 19 and 17.**

A. You do not need to do a "closing" in order to include your wife as joint tenant and equal owner of your home. This may be done with a quit claim deed. I suggest,

however, that you use the services of an attorney to insure proper signing and recording of the wife's interest.

See KARVEL, Page B10

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NEW LISTING ~ OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2-4:30PM



5551 Country Club Drive, Claremont Pines

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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Exquisite Cape Cod home with picket fences in Upper Rockridge. Charming throughout with several leaded windows and hardwood floors. Cathedral ceiling the living room. French doors to a delightful deck and patio. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Picturesque.

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**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,589,000**  
5499 GOLDEN GATE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Price Reduced! Classic Mark Becker designed home. 4+BR/3.5BA, crafts room, wine cellar, master BR w/lireplace, hardwood, granite. 4000+ sq. ft. Fritz Hochleiner x1348

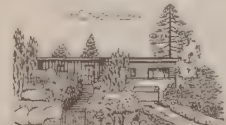
**PIEDMONT \$1,369,000**  
451 WILDWOOD AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Lovely custom contemporary 4+BR/4BA w/space & privacy. Walls of glass, brick courtyard, eat-in kit. Rosellie Woods x1324

**CLAREMONT PINES \$995,000**  
5551 COUNTRY CLUB DR (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Sophisticated & updated all-level home w/gardens & patio. Views of the bay, Mt. Tamalpais & 4th Fairway. Ashley O'Neill x1368

**OAKLAND HILLS \$975,000**  
613 VIA RIALTO (Open 2-4:30)  
One of 10 homes under construction on a cul-de-sac w/Bay views. 4BR/3BA. Custom touches in every home: designer baths, gourmet kit. David Ichikawa x1331

**MONTCLAIR \$949,000**  
7455 WOODROW (Open 2-4:30)  
Stunning newer home w/impeccable interior finishes & enchanting outdoor spaces. 3BR/2.5BA and 2 family rooms. Kathleen Callahan x1343

**BERKELEY \$925,000**  
1959 SAN ANTONIO (Open 2-4:30)  
Enchanting 1926 Mediterranean with 3BR/2BA, FDR, fireplace and big bay views. Unique and special home. Jeanine Weller x1329



**BERKELEY \$795,000**  
4 KENSINGTON CT. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Redwood Contemporary with GG, SF & Marin Hills views. 3BR/3BA, cathedral ceilings, garage, Japanese garden. 2000 +/- sq. ft. Jack McPhail x1336

**MONTCLAIR \$759,000**  
2039 TAMPA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Stylish Contemporary Ranch with canyon, SF & Bay views. New kitchen & baths, landscaped front & back yards. Teri Carlisle x1305

**LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$749,000**  
40 CAMELLIA PL (Open 2-4:30)  
Level-in Bay view rancher! Wheelchair & disabled accessible. 3+BR/3BA, dining rm, eat-in kit. Indoor "Endless Current" lap pool. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

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**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$749,000**  
27 AGNES ST. (Open 1-4:00)  
New Listing! Impeccably renovated 50's style 3 BR/2.5BA contemporary w/chef's kitchen. Level out deck and patio & lower level landscaped yard. Patricia Scott x1315

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$748,000**  
5668 BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Very attractive chic level-in contemporary in great area! 3+BR/2+BA, library w/ GG view, Italian tile floors. Dee Knowland x1318



**ROCKRIDGE \$740,000**  
321 GLENDALE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Just reduced! Stately 3+BR/2BA prairie style w/bright, spacious rooms. Kitchen opens to lush flower garden. Quasi-in-law. Over 2300 sq. ft. Steven Biasutti x1379

**MONTCLAIR \$739,000**  
5797 SCARBOROUGH (Open 2-4:30)  
Warm & inviting 4BR/2.5BA home w/Bay view, decks, family room, walls of glass, hot tub & dark room. Madalyn Mitchell x1385

**RIDGEMONT \$735,000**  
4202 RIDGEMONT CT. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Ridgmont contemporary. Dramatic entry, soaring ceilings, 3+BR/2.5BA. Luxurious master suite w/sitting area, 3 car garage. Robyn Mohr x1310

**NORTH BERKELEY \$695,000**  
2418 CEDAR ST. (Open 2-5)  
Recently renovated Northside colonial close to UC, BART and Chez Panisse. 3BR/2.5BA, study, full basement, attached garage. Great condition! Gini Erck x1339

Open Sunday



**RIDGEMONT \$679,000**  
4903 STONERIDGE (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Updated w/style, pizzazz and a sense of fun! 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, private level yard, 3 car garage. Dana Dworin x1384

**MONTCLAIR \$669,000**  
6133 ASCOT DR. (Open 2-5)  
Glorious SF GG/Bay Bridge & Lake Merritt views! 4BR/4.5BA, living room w/soaring ceilings, family room, loft, expansion potential. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354



**MONTCLAIR \$625,000**  
6822 COLTON BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Montclair contemporary. Spacious 4+BR/2.5BA, serene wooded setting. Soaring ceilings. New paint & carpet. 2 car garage w/inside entry. Ann Nichols x1319

**LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$599,000**  
4218 COOLIDGE (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Updated English w/Pano view, new kitchen and bath, hardwood floors, deck & backyard, family room, storage & 2 car garage. Kathy Flynn x1317

**BERKELEY \$595,000**  
955 FRESNO AVE. (Open 2-4)  
3BR/1BA in Thousand Oaks area; original vintage features; deck to garden; near Solano Ave. Lori Arai x1330

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$595,000**  
98 SELKIRK (Open 2-4:30)  
Delightful & charming 4BR/3.5BA traditional on a great street in sought-after neighborhood. Workshop, yard, views, 2300+/- sq. ft. Dee Knowland x1318

Open Sunday

**LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$579,000**  
2413 POTOMAC ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Stylish 6 year old traditional near Montclair Village w/hills views. 4BR/3BA, hardwood floors. 2400+/- sq. ft. Donna Costella x1355

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$535,000**  
3750 ATLAS (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! 1930's charm, 2+BR/2BA home w/formal dining room, fabulous kitchen remodel, rumpus room & yard. Near SF bus. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

**LAUREL DISTRICT \$529,000**  
3966 NORTON AVE. (Open 2-5)  
Charming, split-level 2BR/2BA Mediterranean w/hardwood floors, arches, FDR, plus room, breakfast room, yard & covered patio. Vicki Woodhead x1334

**MONTCLAIR \$519,000**  
2425 MONTEREY (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming bungalow in a private setting close to the golf course. 2BR/2BA, bonus room, fireplace & hardwood floors. Chuck Corwin x1353

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$519,000**  
3654 VICTOR AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming 2BR Spanish Mediterranean w/ sep. office. Split-level. Distinct details. Upgrades. Garden. Diane Earl McCan x1352



**NORTH OAKLAND \$499,000**  
634 61ST STREET (Open 2-4:30)  
Spacious 3+BR/2+BA w/eat-in kitchen, fir floors, box beam ceilings & wainscoting. New paint. Garage, non-conforming 1BR attached unit. Tom Nemeth x1381

**BERKELEY \$499,000**  
2247 OREGON ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming sunny 2BR/1BA bungalow w/great architectural detail, inviting remodeled kitchen, updated bath, garden. Great location. Leslie Aviant x1341

Open Sunday

**MONTCLAIR \$499,000**  
2221 PELHAM PLACE (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Charming cottage on cul-de-sac in park-like setting. 2BR/2BA open beamed ceilings, french doors, hardwood, hot tub. Teri Carlisle x1305

**NORTH OAKLAND \$495,000**  
661 57TH STREET (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Historic 1889 farmhouse duplex. 2 units with 2BR/1BA. Tom Nemeth x1381

**BERKELEY \$439,000**  
1215 OREGON ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
2BR/1BA, charming Berkeley Bungalow w/original detail, updated kitchen, sunny yard, updated systems. Lee Jacobson x1309

By Appointment

**PIEDMONT \$4,750,000**  
Magnificent English level with incredible detail on over 1 1/2 acre level land. Grand formal rooms, 6+BR, pool. Georgia Cornell x1320

**NORTH BERKELEY \$1,850,000**  
From the office of Bernard Maybeck, William Rees House, 1906. BART renovation award, 1991. SeeMoreMont@pacunion.com. Gini Erck x1339

**EMERYVILLE \$1,250,000**  
Luxury condo w/sweeping views! Designed for the owners by the developers. 4+BR private gar & parking space for 5th car. 3BA. Very unique! Helen Danhaki x1310

**MONTCLAIR \$829,000**  
Warm & inviting 5 year old contemporary 3+BR/2.5BA, family room, open split-level floor plan. Close to Montclair Village. Michelle Miller x1335

**MONTCLAIR \$655,000**  
One owner contemporary w/level interior patio & garden off family room. SF Bay view. 3BR/2.5BA, kit/lam/wood combo. Wendy Gardner Ferrari x1310

**KENSINGTON \$625,000**  
Architect-designed one-owner home w/great privacy & potential in wonderful wooded setting. 2+BR/2BA. Gini Erck x1339

Coming Soon

**PIEDMONT \$1,599,000**  
Handsomely remodeled contemporary home in an impeccable Piedmont neighborhood. 5BR/4.5 BA, sunny garden, 2 car garage. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE**  
Upper Rockridge Artistic custom design English style, 3+BR/2.5 BA, family room, master suite, beautiful patio & garden. Dee Knowland x1310

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# Have to do a quick paint job? Then get on a roll

■ Quality doesn't have to suffer when you paint a room in a hurry

**BY CINDY HOEDEL**  
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS  
It was a simple yet daunting mission: We wanted to discover the best way to paint a room fast. And well. With no shortsighted skimping on prep work. No clinging to the myth of one-coat coverage. No succumbing to the siren song of gadgets advertised on late-night television. (If they worked that well, wouldn't the pros have switched over ages ago?)  
We hung out at paint supply stores and chatted up sales associates and professional painters. Their advice was invaluable. We polled weekend warriors at home

improvement warehouses. Their ideas were mostly goofy. We bought tools and tested techniques on drywall scraps.  
The goal: Come up with a method for painting a room in four hours, start to finish.  
The specs: A 10-by-12-foot room with an 8-foot ceiling, to be repainted in a light color close to the existing one, two coats on the walls, one coat on the ceiling and trim.  
The result: Completed in 6 hours. So, we failed. Or, we succeeded in coming up with a way to paint a room in a single afternoon without sacrificing quality.  
At Griggs paint company in


Kansas City, Kan., we encountered a fair amount of skepticism when we explained what we were after.  
"We discourage that kind of thing," says Jason French. "We tell people they'd be better off not painting than trying to do it in a hurry. We tell them to see what they can achieve by just cleaning."  
Which leads us to our disclaimer:  
■ The six-hour plan does not include shopping for paint and supplies. You really want to do that the day before.  
■ If you live with the scourge of a popcorn ceiling, hire a professional to spray paint it.

■ If you have serious problems such as water damage or significant mildew stains, hire a contractor to investigate the source of the problem and have it repaired.  
■ If you need to remove wallpaper or want to cover a dark color with a light color or if you have permanent stains, plan on an additional day's worth of wall prep and priming.  
■ Finally, if you want to give the trim a second coat (and you really do — why leave half a quart of enamel in the can?) you'll need to let it dry overnight and recoat the following day.  
In any paint project, prep work is essential, says French. Even people who are good about sanding sometimes over-

cleaning.  
"Even the highest quality paint can fail if you don't do the prep work," says French. "The case of paint, meaning the surface, matters. Putting a piece of tape wall."

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*New Montclair Listing!*  
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**2221 Pelham Place**  
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2 Bedrooms • 2 Baths • Fabulous New Bath  
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**6648 Dawes Street, Piedmont Side of Montclair**  
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**BERKELEY** \$569,000  
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**HILLER HIGHLANDS** \$749,000  
Just remodeled and gorgeous! Unobstructed Oakland & Bay views. Vaulted open-beam ceiling. Chef's kitchen with granite. Hardwood floors. Large storage space. Approximately 1,954 square feet. 2 plus bedrooms & 2 1/2 baths. Just steps to Highlands Club.  
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**PIEDMONT PINES** \$299,000  
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**LAKE MERRITT** \$675,000  
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**BERKELEY** \$399,000  
2/1+ - Charming home in a convenient location  
near BART & Berkeley Bowl. Formal dining room,  
updated kitchen, new appliances, new carpeting.  
2901 Harper Street Open 2-5



**BERKELEY** \$393,000  
3/2 - Mesmerizing panoramic Bay views!  
Vintage detail intact in a fabulous fixer in the  
Berkeley Hills with additional home office space.  
Rare opportunity!  
768 Keeler Avenue Open 2-5



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2+1/2 - Enchanting petite Grecian Villa  
overlooking a Mediterranean garden. Secluded,  
yet close to Solano Avenue. Upslope with  
funicular for occupants/groceries.  
1139 The Alameda Open 2-4



**KENSINGTON - NEW!** \$899,000  
4/3 - This English inspired home features  
hardwood floors throughout, a large living room  
with vaulted ceilings, formal dining room,  
remodeled kitchen. Filtered Bay views.  
260 Arlington Avenue Open 1-4



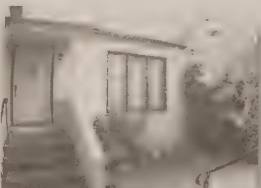
**RICHMOND** \$329,000  
3/1 - Bright, light-filled bungalow with hard-  
wood floors, fenced yard, updated eat-in  
kitchen, dining room with built-ins, fireplace.  
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854 South 45th Street Open 2-4:30



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vacant duplex with 2/2 and 2/1, a 2/1 cottage  
and one studio cottage. Upgraded kitchens  
& baths. Great for owner occupants.

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of the East Bay hills. Hardwood floors, five  
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**OAKLAND** \$359,000  
LOFT - In courtyard setting. Exciting three-  
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**OAKLAND** \$399,000  
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Separate living mezzanine. Large west-facing  
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**BERKELEY** \$449,000  
2+1/4 - Bungalow with Craftsman details  
on a tree-lined street. Large south-facing  
yard with fruit trees, perfect for aspiring  
gardeners. Partially finished basement.

**OAKLAND** \$1,395,000  
5+3/5 - Brand new Craftsman lodge re-  
vival on an oak-studded parcel with 2  
master suites and 3,500 square feet of  
fabulous details

**OAKLAND** \$439,000  
4+2/5 - Spacious two-story Laurel home.  
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BART. New paint, new carpet. Nice  
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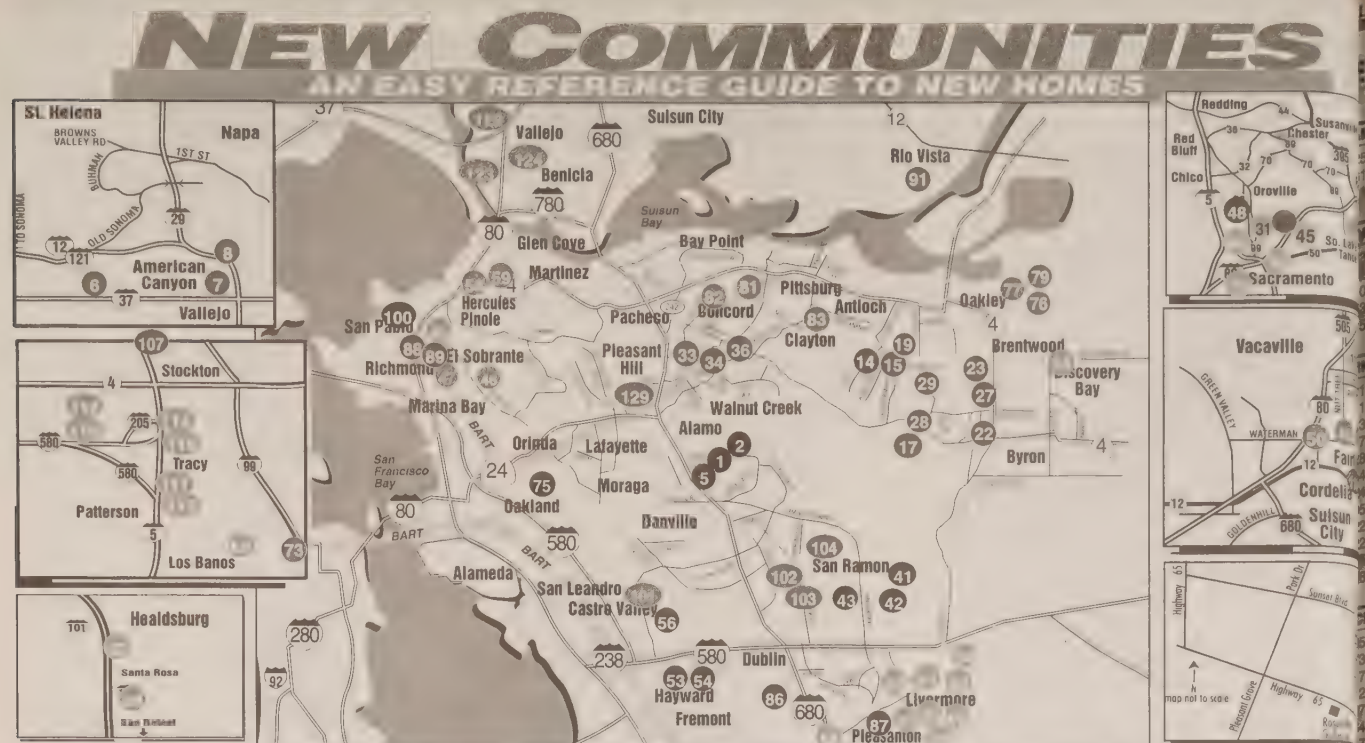
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Great Value! Priced from the high \$500,000s to low \$700,000s. 11 new homes on a private cul-de-sac in prime Hayward Hills location in a premier neighborhood. Up to 4,400 sq. ft. Fire-walled retreat areas, upstairs loft, three-car garages. Large lots & spacious floor plans at 2,530 to 3,031 sq. ft. Convenient access to I-580, I-680 & BART. Open Friday-Tuesday 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Fairview Ave. at D St. Delos Builders & Developers 510-686-0688. [www.delosbuilders.com](http://www.delosbuilders.com)

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**Shiloh Walk**

- Shiloh Walk**  
From the mid \$400,000s. Now Selling. Hayward live/work residences. 2 models. 1396 sq. ft. to 1732 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms. 888-264-6658. [nyland.com](http://nyland.com)

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- Parkland Estates**  
Only 1 home and 1 Custom Lot Left! Just one Wine Country estate and one lot remain here in the hills above Hayward. The new home has 3,008 sq. ft. with 4 BR, den, teen retreat, gourmet kitchen, front porch and deck on 1-1/4 acres for \$919,800. The 1 acre custom lot is priced at \$385,000. Both have sweeping country-side views and space for a personal backyard. Take Hwy 101 to Central Highway exit, go north on Hayward Ave. Turn right on Parkland Farms Blvd. to top of Hill. Open Fri-Mon 12-4. 707-473-0333. [www.estatesparkland.com](http://www.estatesparkland.com)

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- Promenade**  
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**Vineyard Gate**

- Vineyard Gate**  
From the low \$300,000s. Models Now Open! 4-6 BR luxury homes, up to 4,000 sq. ft. Surrounded by vineyards in the S. Livermore Valley close to golf, wineries, commute routes. Open 10-5 daily. 925-455-8600. Visit [pacificunithomes.com](http://pacificunithomes.com) to register for the internet list and receive preview info. Pacific Union Homes 1-800-876-2244

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**Cooperage**

- Cooperage**  
From the \$300,000s. Now Open! Luxurious single-family homes in a wine country setting. 3,4, 5 BR, 2.5 & 3 BA. 1997-2897 sq. ft. Options for floors, tile, ref. & more. Signature Properties. 925-373-7886

**Vinsanto**

- Vinsanto**  
Grand Opening! From the \$700,000s. Handcrafted luxury homes featuring "wine country" living. Sit 4 & 5 bdr. homes ranging from 2140 to 3750 sq. ft. with tile floors and custom amenities. Welcoming porches, gourmet kitchens, pre-wired for computers, and separate buyer living quarters offer refined elegance. Models open daily 11-6. 510-222-4700. Call for San Vincente 925-245-0943. Pmbros.com

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- Los Olivos**  
From the \$800,000s. Estate residences amongst the vineyards in the South Livermore Valley. 5078 to 4365 sq. ft. with 4 to 5 bedrooms, 3.5 to 4.5 bathrooms, and den options. 3104 to 3 car garages. 3 to 5 bedrooms. From the \$800,000s. Center Homes 925-294-9797. [www.vivaflores.com](http://www.vivaflores.com)

**Lindenwood**

- Lindenwood**  
From the low \$700,000s. Fastest Selling Luxury Homes in South Livermore! Fabulous master suites, extra large kitchens and oversized family rooms highlight these magnificent residences located near Mt. Diablo and neighboring vineyards. 4 to 5 bedrooms and up to 4 1/2 baths, with floor plans up to 3,548 sq. ft. are now available. Open daily 10-5. 925-455-8600. 1-800-373-8883

**Cornerstone**

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From the high \$400,000s. Now Open. Homes with 1665 to 2484 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms 2.5 to 3 baths and 2-bay garages. KB Home 925-449-9801

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- Vineyard Terrace**  
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- Durant**  
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- Delta Pointe**  
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**Parklands**

- Parklands**  
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- Quail Glen**  
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- Capistrano at Oak Hills**  
From the low \$400,000s. Homes ranging from 1785 to 3312 sq. ft. with up to 7 bedrooms. Minutes from BART and major freeway access with great water views. Hwy 4 East Bay Road South and follow the signs. Discovery Builders. 925-831-9300. [www.SeenHomes.com](http://www.SeenHomes.com)

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- San Marco**  
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**Phaeasant Ridge**

- Phaeasant Ridge**  
From the low \$1,000,000s. Models Now Open! These one and two-story homes feature 4 to 6 bedrooms and luxury residences feature up to 3,325 sq. ft. of elegant living space along Pleasant Ridge. Visit Phaeasant Ridge by taking the 680 to Bernal Ave. west and left on West Lagoon Rd. hours are 10-5 daily. Call (925) 600-8625.



# WEEKLY SALES

<b>ALAMEDA</b>	5495 Hackney Ln - \$470,000 1761 Hellings Av - \$285,000 2266 Highgate Dr - \$450,000 757 McLaughlin St - \$325,000 870 Mulberry Ct - \$570,000 3793 Northridge Dr - \$291,000 5610 Sierra Av - \$392,000 254 South 21st St - \$228,000 1064 View Dr - \$345,000 5372 Woodgate Ct - \$575,000
<b>SAN LEANDRO</b>	1772 138th Av - \$400,000 2070 167th Av - \$275,000 16040 Berkshire - \$355,000 718 Bloom St - \$642,000 1602 Brookside Dr - \$309,000 1333 Burkhardt Av - \$479,000 1132 Carpenter 101 - \$270,000 14968 Crosby St - \$380,000 2355 Fiji Wy - \$411,000 14515 Flagship St - \$310,000 891 Rodney Dr - \$480,000 13824 Tahiti Rd - \$450,000 440 Teola Ct - \$565,000
<b>By the numbers</b>	TOTAL SALES: 3 LOWEST PRICE: \$375,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$459,500 MEDIAN PRICE: \$410,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$414,833
<b>ALAMEDA</b>	TOTAL SALES: 5 LOWEST PRICE: \$353,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$778,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$580,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$577,200
<b>ALBANY</b>	TOTAL SALES: 12 LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,320,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$574,250
<b>BERKELEY</b>	TOTAL SALES: 7 LOWEST PRICE: \$235,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$715,500 MEDIAN PRICE: \$470,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$492,071
<b>EL CERRILLO</b>	TOTAL SALES: 3 LOWEST PRICE: \$202,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$565,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$299,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$355,333
<b>OAKLAND</b>	TOTAL SALES: 64 LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$888,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$330,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$390,938
<b>RICHMOND</b>	TOTAL SALES: 25 LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$575,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$300,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$333,200
<b>SAN LEANDRO</b>	TOTAL SALES: 13 LOWEST PRICE: \$270,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$642,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$400,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$409,692

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Last wk.	This wk.
5,900	5,750

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<b>AAA Mortgage</b> 888-821-6200 DRE# 01096148 Fees=\$1599	30-yr Fixed 5.500 1.000 5.687 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.875 1.000 6.014 30	15-yr Fixed 4.750 1.000 5.061 30	5/1 ARM 4.250 1.000 4.845 30	PREAPPROVAL LETTERS via email APPLY ONLINE www.aalender.com OPEN WEEKENDS/888 821 6200
<b>AccessBanc Mortgage</b> 800-661-2765 DRE# 00892684 Fees=\$1430	30-yr Fixed 5.750 0.000 5.812 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.875 0.000 5.906 30	Jumbo Special* ..... .....	Jumbo Special* ..... .....	3 yr/1yr ARM 4.125%, 3.635 APR 0.0 Fee 5 yr/1yr ARM 4.625%, 3.754 APR 0.0 Fee Prepay & other restrictions may apply
<b>AlmLoan.com</b> 888-411-4246 DRE# 01235124 Fees=\$2400	30-yr Fixed 5.625 0.375 5.772 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.875 0.125 5.932 30	15-yr Fixed 4.875 0.375 5.119 30	7/1 ARM Jumbo 5.000 0.375 5.375 30	Apply and lock online 24/7 Open Sat. and Sun. from 9am til 2pm Rates and Fees Posted Online Daily
<b>Bank of America</b> 877-88-FIXED Fees=\$1606	30-yr Fixed 5.125 0.963 5.269 60	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.750 1.000 5.890 30	15-yr Fixed 4.875 1.000 5.060 30	3/1 ARM 3.500 1.000 3.678 30	100% Financing Available - Fast Closings No Cost for Appraisal - Refinance Today * Restrictions Apply
<b>Bank of America-CC</b> County 925-688-3760 Fees=\$1408	30-yr Fixed 5.875 0.316 5.977 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.125 0.192 6.285 30	6 month ARM 3.000 0.190 3.131 30	3/1 ARM 4.125 0.110 3.809 30	Call or e-mail Colette or Candice at colette.wernke@bankofamerica.com candice.wernke@bankofamerica.com
<b>Baycal Financial Corp.</b> 408-719-6800 DRE# 0116696 Fees=\$1704	30-yr Fixed 5.750 0.000 5.842 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.875 0.000 5.915 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.500 0.000 4.537 30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 4.000 0.000 4.035 30	100% financing available 0 pt. no out-of-pocket fees program Call us now, our friendly staff can help
<b>California Mtge. Advisors</b> 888-CALL-REFI x600 DRE# 0170868 Fees=\$1992	30-yr Fixed 5.625 0.000 5.716 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.125 0.000 6.165 30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 4.000 0.000 4.035 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.625 0.000 4.662 30	DIRECT LENDER LOANS TO 10 MILLION WWW.CALMTG.COM
<b>Cal-State Funding</b> 800-883-5363 DRE# 00874441 Fees=\$2010	30-yr Fixed 5.750 0.000 5.790 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.375 0.000 6.410 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5.000 0.000 5.040 30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 4.500 0.000 4.540 30	Cal-State Funding CAN fund your loan Rates change daily, call for latest rate We are here to satisfy your needs
<b>CMG Mortgage Services</b> 800-958-5339 DRE# 0170028 Fees=\$1433	30-yr Fixed 5.500 1.000 5.655 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.875 1.000 5.996 30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 3.750 1.000 3.866 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.375 1.250 4.507 30	Open Sat & Sun. Qualifier & stated income option available! Financing for people with less than perfect credit.
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<b>Downey Savings &amp; Loan</b> 800-798-2148 DRE# 0037471 Fees=\$1428	30-yr Fixed 5.500 1.750 5.688 60	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.750 2.000 5.951 60	1-mo COFI ARM* 1.850 0.000 4.833 45	1-yr ARM* 1.250 0.000 3.340 60	Direct lender 45 yrs experience, fixed & adjust rate mtgs. *Pot. neg. amort Apply online at www.downeysavings.com
<b>eSource Mortgage, Inc.</b> 888-221-8787 DRE# 0083477 Fees=\$1352	30-yr Fixed 5.250 1.750 5.510 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.500 2.000 5.710 30	15-yr Fixed 4.500 2.000 4.720 30	1-yr ARM* 1.250 0.000 3.340 60	Low rates with NO POINTS ALSO NO CLOSING COSTS AVAILABLE *Pot neg. am Pics online @ www.lenda.com
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<b>Golden Horizon Mortgage</b> 877-414-8280 DRE# 0131694 Fees=\$1652	30-yr Fixed 5.375 2.000 5.628 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.875 2.000 6.092 30	15-yr Fixed 4.750 2.000 4.875 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.375 1.000 4.489 30	OPEN WEEKENDS CREDIT PROBLEM OK CASH OUT 100% PURCHASE PROGRAMS NO APPLICATION FEE 877-414-8280 or WWW.CALFIRSTLENDING.COM
<b>Imperial Mortgage</b> 800-961-2274 DRE# 0103392 Fees=\$1453	30-yr Fixed 5.750 0.000 5.840 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.125 0.000 6.160 30	15-yr Fixed 4.750 2.000 4.872 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4.375 1.000 4.489 30	Don't get reeled-in by low Quotes!! Call me for an honest lockable rate! Rates have really dropped!! Don't miss out!
<b>Matrix Investment Corp.</b> 800-366-8916 DRE# 0130418 Fees=\$1831	30-yr Fixed 5.250 1.750 5.488 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5.375 1.750 5.510 30	15-yr Fixed 4.250 1.990 4.680 30	30-yr Fixed 0 Pts 5.000 0.000 5.584 30	Good & bad credit considered Brokers welcome! Great commercial loans visit us at www.matrixinvestmencorp.com
<b>Mortgage Broker Assoc.</b> 877-987-7700 DRE# 01116614 Fees=\$2277	30-yr Fixed 5.625 0.625 5.793 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.000 0.000 6.048 30	3/1 ARM 3.750 0.900 3.761 30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 3.675 0.375 4.154 30	NO Income/NO Assets/NO Job? - YES NO Money Down/NO Closing Costs? - YES All types of Credit? - YES
<b>Mortgage Market</b> 800-837-5626 DRE# 0087562 Fees=\$1875	30-yr Fixed 5.750 0.000 5.842 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.250 0.000 6.344 30	15-yr Fixed 5.125 0.000 5.277 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5.000 0.000 3.872 30	Credit problems, bankruptcy difficult loans our specialty. All govt loans 100% loans, credit lines construction
<b>National Financial Corp.</b> 510-818-9966 DRE# 965926 Fees=\$1600	30-yr Fixed 5.750 0.000 5.842 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.250 0.000 6.344 30	15-yr Fixed 5.125 0.000 5.277 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5.000 0.000 3.872 30	Fast approval on Purchase loan Easy qualify, Call for FREE pre-approval Free appraisal on PURCHASE, call
<b>Northern Mutual Corp.</b> 888-441-2600 DRE# 01243581 Fees=\$2348	30-yr Fixed 5.750 0.000 5.842 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.250 0.000 6.344 30	6 month ARM 5.125 0.000 5.277 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5.000 0.000 3.872 30	WOW!! NO ADD-ON FOR JUMBO LOANS! No-Point loans are available! (3yr ppp) E-mail Steve@northernmutual.com
<b>Omni Funding Services</b> 800-303-8887 DRE# 01138586 Fees=\$2051	30-yr Fixed 5.750 0.000 5.842 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 6.250 0.000 6.344 30	15-yr Fixed 5.125 0.000 5.277 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5.000 0.000 3.872 30	www.24hourloancenter.com Check out our web site for more rates! We are committed to EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE!
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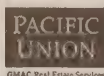


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# SPORTS

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Section C

## Jets snap 'Jackets' volleyball streak

Berkeley's 42-match  
winning string in ACCAL  
as Encinal prevails in  
all games

### PREP VOLLEYBALL

25-9, 25-23 on Tuesday and are in sole possession of second place in the ACCAL, one game ahead of Alameda (3-2) which lost in four games to Encinal on Tuesday.

Berkeley held an 8-6 lead in the first game before scoring six straight points, mainly on Encinal errors. Marian Murphy did have an ace in that sequence for the Yellow Jackets. An Eliana Barnett ace extended the lead to 16-7.

From then on in the first game, it was bits and pieces for Berkeley, as it had short runs of two and three points. A Nadia Qubazard kill put the Yellow Jackets up 22-12 and a Tylease Robinson kill made it 24-13. An Encinal net error finished the

game.

"I think that first game sort of lulled us," Berkeley coach Magan Pireto said. "We sort of thought we'd come in and sweep them off the court."

The Jets bounced back and took a 12-1 lead in the second game, but Berkeley came back to within 24-20 on a Rosey Moorhead block. An error on the final point gave Encinal the win.

Seemingly unaffected by the second game, Berkeley roared out to a 9-1 lead in the third game as Chelsea Bowden had three straight aces. But the Jets, down 15-10, ran off six straight points as Tiare Salasua blasted two aces for a 16-15 lead.

The game went back and forth, but Encinal went ahead 21-17 when Phoebe Bautista had two aces. The Yellow Jackets came back to within 21-19, the

last point coming on a Shirley Dai block, but the Jets scored the next four points, the last three coming on Christina Walker aces.

Encinal rushed off to a 7-2 lead in the fourth game but the Yellow Jackets hung around, at one point closing to 14-13 as Dai had a block and Kayla Weissman an ace. But Encinal scored the next four points for 18-13.

Berkeley cut the lead to 18-15, the last point on a Murphy block, but the Jets raced off again, scoring four straight points for a 22-15 lead. Berkeley's last gasp came when it scored three straight points, the last one coming on a Murphy ace, to cut the Encinal lead to 23-19. An error by each team made the score 24-20, but then a Berkeley service error gave the Jets match point.

The streak was history.



BERKELEY'S Rosey Moorhead goes up to hit the ball during the Yellow Jackets' loss to Encinal last week.

### AL NOTEBOOK

## Cougars back in track after resolving differences

By Orlando Molina  
STAFF WRITER

THE ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL girls volleyball team experienced a major ruckus last week, but almost sent coach Jon Segall walking and the players' decade of dominance reaching to an unceremonious end.

After a moment of pause between the players and the coach, the crew of the USS Albany has righted the ship with renewed focus on nabbing a consecutive Bay Shore Athletic League title. "We're better than we've been," Segall said. "We've got an understanding of what we want. I want them to listen to me and they're not to be less aggressive." The problems erupted on Oct. 23 during what Segall deemed as a particularly bad game, which ended with him being off the court. The next day another angry exchange with players, Segall contemplated resigning. He said although he did not resign, Segall received several phone calls later in the night from parents and players asking him to reconsider leaving.

was over in my mind. But

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## Panthers go to the top, win

By Curtis Pashelka  
STAFF WRITER

MEMONT — Will Reid had to feel left out of the St. Mary's High School football team's offense in the first half Thursday.

The Panthers had attempted seven passes and none of them in Reid's direction. That changed in the second half. Reid caught two passes for 47 yards, including a 21-yard touchdown with 11:49 to go in the fourth quarter to help St. Mary's beat Alameda 14-12 in a league game at Tak Fudenna Stadium.

It was a little frustrating not to be involved in the offense in the first half," Reid said. "But we had a discussion at halftime and decided to air it out more."

Mary's (2-2) passed for 77 yards in the first half, but quarterback David Pezzola came out of the bench in the second half to complete 4 of 7 passes for 139 yards, including the touchdown pass to Reid that gave the Panthers a 13-12 advantage.

Reid's touchdown, St. Mary's defense held Alameda to two drives to keep the

### PREP FOOTBALL



EL CERRITO quarterback James Cannon breaks away for a 74-yard touchdown run, the Gauchos' only score in a loss to Alameda.

## Passing game carries Alameda

Running back Ve'e is held in check, but Gillman throws for three touchdowns in a win over El Cerrito

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — The Alameda High School football team has a running back who rushed for more than 170 yards in each of the previous two games before Friday's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener against El Cerrito.

So how did the Hornets beat the Gauchos?

Through the air. Hornets running back Tavis Ve'e was held to 76 yards on 22

carries, but Alameda (3-1, 1-0 ACCAL) passed for 219 yards, including 183 yards and three touchdowns by quarterback Michael Gillman, in a 25-6 defeat of El Cerrito at Thompson Field in Alameda.

"We said coming in we wanted to throw the ball 50 percent and run 50 percent," Gillman said. "They have a very stingy defense. We knew that coming in, and we knew that we would need to pass to separate them from us."

El Cerrito (1-2-1, 0-1) didn't help itself with five turnovers. Alameda outgained El Cerrito 343-197 and didn't turn the ball over once.

"I thought we played lousy. We were lousy from start to finish," El Cerrito coach George

Austin said. "They are a well-disciplined football team. They don't make many mistakes."

The Gauchos took a 6-0 lead on the second play from scrimmage when starting quarterback James Cannon sprinted around the right side 74 yards for a touchdown. But that turned out to be the last time El Cerrito would score.

Alameda didn't pass on its first possession, but started its second on the El Cerrito 44 with a 26-yard pass down the right sideline from Gillman to David Han. Three plays later, Alem Geybreys made a diving 23-yard touchdown catch on a pass from Gillman. The PAT kick was blocked by Cannon.

Gillman then connected with Jonathon Ve'e for a 26-yard

touchdown to put the Hornets up 12-6 in the second quarter. It would stay that way until late in the third quarter when Gillman found Terrance McDaniels for a 38-yard touchdown pass.

With 10 minutes remaining in the game, an Alameda punt that appeared to bounce over Cannon and clear him was ruled to have hit him. Cannon said the punt did not touch him. Alameda's Peter Travenia pounced on the loose ball on the El Cerrito 36-yard line. Tavis Ve'e immediately found Geybreys down the right sideline for a touchdown pass and the final score of the game.

Mario Cox had 61 yards rushing for El Cerrito. Alameda's Geybreys had three catches for 71 yards.

## Berkeley not at its best but still routs Encinal

By Mike McGreehan  
STAFF WRITER

A final score does not always tell a complete story. Take the case of the Berkeley High School Yellow Jackets.

On Sept. 27, the Yellow Jackets played most impressively in a 30-21 nonleague win at Bishop O'Dowd. Berkeley was especially strong in the fourth quarter that day, turning away a spirited Dragons comeback effort with three fourth-quarter interceptions.

On Oct. 3, the Yellow Jackets returned home to face Encinal in their Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener. After 48 minutes ticked off the clock, Berkeley had a 36-0 win. Despite the score, the Yellow Jackets were not nearly as impressive as they were the previous week

against O'Dowd.

In contrast, the game with Encinal was sloppy and filled with penalties.

"The penalties really hurt, we had a lot of good drives stopped," Berkeley coach Matt Bissell said. "We'll just go back to the drawing board and encourage the players to know what are smart plays and what aren't smart plays."

Though Berkeley (2-1 overall) had some big offensive plays, it impressed most on defense, as it held Encinal's dangerous Drew Dozier to just 41 rushing yards.

"Any time you face someone like Dozier, you try to contain him and hope he doesn't do too much damage," Bissell said.

Neither Dozier nor any of his teammates did much damage in this game, as the Jets managed

just 108 yards total offense.

Berkeley, with the help of some long touchdowns, finished with 337 total yards.

After an opening kickoff touchdown, Encinal (2-1-1) needed just four scrimmage plays to move to its own 44-yard line. But a holding penalty deflated the drive.

"We started moving the ball well, but the penalty killed us," Encinal coach Jack Schram said. "We also had some special teams gaffes that we didn't have in the first three games."

One such gaffe occurred in the second quarter, when the Jets snapped the ball out of their end zone in punt formation, resulting in a safety.

The Jets didn't move the ball well against the Yellow Jackets defense again until a late fourth-

quarter drive placed the visitors on the Berkeley 6-yard line. Once again, though, Encinal hurt itself, this time with an errant lateral that Berkeley recovered. The Yellow Jackets ran out the remaining time.

Berkeley running back Antione Cokes, who rushed 36 times for 168 yards against Bishop O'Dowd the previous week, had a lighter load against the Jets with 15 carries. The junior rushed for 101 yards, including touchdown runs of 1 and 20 yards.

Quarterback Jeff Spellman had a strong night, too, with scoring passes of 44, 25 and 83 yards to Eddie Pickett, Aaron Miles and Roberto McBean, respectively.

Spellman finished 8-of-14 for 209 yards. Berkeley held Encinal to just 40 yards passing and 68 yards rushing.

### ACCAL NOTEBOOK

## Encinal's plan works, ends Berkeley's win streak

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

THE ENCINAL HIGH SCHOOL girls volleyball team entered last week's pivotal match against Berkeley with a plan.

"When we walked in the gym, I had a full day to think about it," Encinal coach Chris Bautista said. "I said we're going to work the left side of the net and draw their defense to that side so we can set the middle for Erin Astrup."

Astrup, a junior middle blocker, produced 10 kills and the Jets ended Berkeley's 42-match undefeated streak in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League with a 13-25, 25-19, 25-19, 25-20 victory on Oct. 2.

"They played very courageous. They didn't give up. That was the key thing of that whole match," said Bautista about his team.

The Jets also served very well. Freshman setter Phoebe Bautista and senior outside hitter Christina Walker combined for 28 service points and 14 aces in the win. Junior outside hitter Amecia Young and senior outside hitter Cindy Huang also served well.

"They got their serves in, were able to get some open hits and were penetrating their blocks," Chris Bautista said.

A turning point of the match occurred in the second game.

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## Tech back runs over Albany

STAFF REPORT

OAKLAND — Marshawn Lynch of Oakland Tech ran for 212 yards on seven carries as the Bulldogs pounded Albany 57-8 Friday night in a nonleague game.

Lynch set out to prove that last week's 70-yard performance was an aberration and did so emphatically with a 61-yard touchdown run on Oakland Tech's (2-1) first play from scrimmage.

Albany (0-4) did start the game with a bang, though, as it marched 65 yards on eight plays, culminating in a Drew Southern to Don Phelps 16-yard touchdown strike. That would be all for the Cougars, though, as the Bulldogs limited them to 130 yards of total offense.

Lynch also scored on runs of 53, 19 and 74 yards as Oakland Tech opened up a 44-8 lead by halftime and coasted from there.

The Bulldogs accumulated 431 yards of total offense.

Albany quarterback Southern completed just 3 of 16 passes for 30 yards and an interception.

The silver lining in the game for Albany perhaps was the fact that running back Brad Phelps returned to action after missing three games due to knee surgery. Phelps had 26 yards on five carries in limited action.



# Albany takes command

■ Five-game victory against St. Mary's gives Albany a good shot at another regular-season BSAL championship

By Bill Kolb  
STAFF WRITER

Round One goes to Albany High School. Stay tuned for Round Two.

The Cougars hosted the St. Mary's volleyball team on Tuesday night, and eked out a five-game victory to take what amounts to a commanding lead in the Bay Shore Athletic League standings.

Why so momentous, you ask? The two teams will not face each other again during the regular season, which means that, should the Cougars run the table in league — a feat they have accomplished in each of the past two seasons — they would garner the No. 1 seed in the BSAL championship tournament.

Take a wild stab at who will be No. 2.

"We'll get them one more time," said St. Mary's coach

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

Justin Caraway, who is in his first season at the helm for the Panthers after several stellar years at Berkeley. "I fully expect it to be us and them in the league championship. We only draw them once, which is why I was saying all week that, whoever wins this match is in control — home court through the playoffs, etc."

But, Caraway said, an already tight contest could be even closer the second time around.

"Next time, we'll come in knowing we can play with them," Caraway said. "I watched a lot of film of Albany this week to get ready, but there are some things that don't show up on film."

The momentum swings in the match were enough to give a spectator motion sickness.

The Cougars opened Game 1 on a 9-0 run, and appeared to be gearing up to blow the Panthers right out of the gym.

But St. Mary's gathered itself and fired right back. The Panthers chipped away and chipped away, and eventually grabbed a

25-21 win that had the Cougars on their heels.

Not for long. Albany recouped its senses after a stunning loss to win Game 2 25-17.

Then St. Mary's won Game 3. Are you woozy yet?

The Cougars finally took a commanding lead in Game 4, won it 25-13, and rolled on to a 15-11 win in Game 5 for the victory.

"St. Mary's is a good team," Albany coach Jon Segall said. "They're well coached. They put up a great fight. In the first and third games, we were nervous. We let St. Mary's dictate the tone. But we're a young team, and you saw what we can do in the second and fourth games. If we play like that, I have total confidence in our team."

And why shouldn't he? With talent like Emma Spearman, Delany Danielson, Erin Houghton, Azelynn Failor and Arlene Sasse, the Cougars are loaded to the gills.

But the Panthers counter with Natalie Bogan, Brittany Murray, Martha Ryan and Aleesha Woodruff. And they showed on Tuesday that they are not afraid.

## St. Mary's

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yards in the game, was the Panthers' workhorse in the first half, picking up 51 yards on 13 carries. On St. Mary's first possession of the game, Hives had nine carries to help the team march 74 yards on 15 plays. Jason

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I got a call from some of the girls and parents and they realized what was at stake," he said. "It gave me a different perspective to look at."

The following day, Oct. 1, Segall said with school administrators mediating the discussion, he and the players sat down and successfully cleared the air.

"This was a cathartic time for us. We had to go through it. Since then we've played really well," Segall said. "We're all glad it's over. We're in a better place than we've ever been."

This new attitude was evident on the court when the Cougars beat up on Salesian 25-11, 25-11, 25-15 on Oct. 2 to

Haller capped the drive with a 5-yard touchdown run up the middle to give the Panthers a 7-0 lead with 42 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Eagles responded right away. Six plays after kickoff returner Steven Reyes brought the ball back to the St. Mary's 35, Mark Poon scampered up the middle on a 20-yard run to get

American on the scoreboard with 10:07 left in the first half.

The Eagles again worked with a short field when they took over at St. Mary's 45 after an 8-yard punt by Pezzola. But with the ball at the St. Mary's 32, Lavonte Kirven intercepted a David Mosqueda pass at the 15 to snuff out the drive with 19 seconds remaining in the first half.

## ACCAL

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After Berkeley (3-1 in ACCAL) play entering this week) won the first game, Encinal took a 12-1 lead in the second game and didn't lose a game after that.

"The first game was like a blur," Chris Bautista said. "The girls settled down and got into the strategy (after that)."

"That day, our passing was right on the money."

Encinal entered this week's action with a 4-0 ACCAL record, a mark that Bautista said the program has never achieved in league play until this year. But the Jets had shown signs the past few weeks in nonleague action that they were ready for a showdown with Berkeley.

The Jets reached the Gold Division finals of the St. Elizabeth Tournament before losing to Holy Names, Bautista said. Encinal also advanced to the semifinals of the Irvington Invitational last Saturday in

Fremont.

"The girls are very happy, they played well throughout the day," Pilots coach Marcus Young said after earning his first tournament victory since taking over the team four years ago.

The Pilots went 4-0 in the 12-team tournament with one tie at the end of pool play. None of the matches went past two games. Their wins include a 25-13, 25-20 win over Encinal in the semifinal and a 25-19, 25-11 win over Sequoia in the championship.

Sabrina Sudarsana had a great tournament with 33 kills, 27 digs and seven aces.

"She hasn't had a bad match all year. She's got all parts of her game going," Young said. "When we play like this, we're virtually unbeatable."

## BRIEFS

### Yellow Jacket Golf Classic

The inaugural Yellow Jacket Golf Classic, benefiting the boys basketball program at Berkeley High School, will be held Oct. 13 at the San Geronimo Golf Course. The tournament will use a scramble format with an 11 a.m. check-in and 12:30 p.m. start. The cost for individuals is \$135, which includes a chicken and rib dinner. The cost for a foursome is \$500 and dinner is \$40. For information call Steve Roberts at 510-520-0644 or e-mail at sroberts2001@comcast.net.

### Cal lacrosse clinic

Cal Berkeley's Women's Lacrosse Team is hosting a lacrosse clinic for all levels Nov. 8-9 at Maxwell Field at Cal. For information call Mary Beth Noel at 510-643-4511 or e-mail at mbnoel@uclink.berkeley.edu. Registration forms are available at www.cal-bears.com.

### Lamorinda Baseball Club seeks players

The Lamorinda Baseball Club 10-under traveling team is looking for three players to add to their team. The program is based in Moraga and is composed of players and coaches from the Moraga Pony and Lafayette Little League All-Star teams. The team participates in the USSSA/Super Series tournaments. Players must not turn 11 before Aug. 1, 2004. For information call Rick Rider at 925-943-2066 or 925-376-1813, or e-mail at rider@orionpacific.com.

Coaches needed

Oakland High School is looking for coaches for all sports. E-mail valabad@excite.com

### Rowers wanted

The Oakland Strokes' nationally recognized junior rowing program is accepting registrations from high school students for the 2003-2004 season. No experience is necessary. Visit the club's Web site at www.oaklandstrokes.org or call 925-837-1135 for more information.

### Benefit golf tournament

The first Children's Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Monday, Oct. 20 at the Monarch Bay Golf Complex in San Leandro. The event will benefit the Oakland Childhood Language Center, which helps children overcome significant language and/or learning difficulties. There is no entry deadline, but there is a limit of 144 entrants. The \$125 donation fee includes green fees, carts and lunch, among other things. There will be various contests. The shotgun start will be at 12:30 p.m. For further information, contact Clyde Minar at 451-1906 or Gregg Kosmos at 531-4037. Checks should be made payable to the CLDC and sent c/o Clyde D. Minar, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland 94612.

### St. Joseph coaching openings

St. Joseph Notre Dame School is looking for boys' and girls' junior varsity soccer coaches, boys varsity tennis coach. For information, contact athletic director Dan Curry at 814-7146.

### Alameda High School coaches

Alameda High School is looking for a women's assistant varsity coach. Previous high school level coaching experience is a women's head junior varsity is also needed. For information, contact the athletic office at 337-7701.

### Softball league seeks volunteers

The Oakland Girls Softball (OGSL) is seeking volunteers for the 2004 spring season. Possible roles include team managers, coaches, assistants and ball boys. The OGSL is a volunteer nonprofit organization affiliated with the Amateur Softball Association, promoting community and sports participation through softball. Visit www.OGSL.org or call the league office at 339-7268 for more information.

## PREP FOOTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	4-0	Road game at La Costa Canyon-Carlsbad could get ugly for Cougars
2.	Foothill	3-1	Falcons turn their attention to East Bay Athletic League opponent
3.	Pittsburg	3-0-1	Defensive lineman Saka Aafitii outcores Liberty 12-0 by himself
4.	Miramonte	3-1	Matadors tied with Campolindo atop the DFAL
5.	Monte Vista	3-1	Bret Fischer connects for three TD passes in win over Calicut
6.	Skyline	3-2	Titans should hit their stride against OAL opponents
7.	Antioch	3-1	Panthers' thoughts no doubt will be with injured teammate O'Connell
8.	Hayward	3-1	Farmers suffer close nonleague defeat to Napa
9T.	Campolindo	4-0	Friday's game with Las Lomas should be entertaining based on last year's game
9T.	James Logan	2-1-1	Will Colts steamroll the MVAL competition once again?

Others receiving votes: Clayton Valley (4-0), San Ramon Valley (4-0). The Times football poll includes East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers.

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Reviews

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**"OPEN RANGE":** This relaxed, beautifully photographed Western is, like "High Noon," the story of a town too chicken to defend itself against the greedy, lawless varmints who control it. So, a man of few words and many scruples — Gary Cooper in "High Noon," Kevin Costner in "Open Range" — steps in to fight the town's battles. This is a simple movie, more interested in the shifting relationships between its characters than in hammering home a lesson, but we're always conscious of a broader theme: that the American West was violent and that you don't tame an unruly land by doing what Miss Manners tells you to. The theme involves two key relationships: between Costner and Robert Duvall, who have diverging views about "civilization," and between Costner and Annette Bening, as a sharp, compassionate woman who might be perfect for Costner if he can reconcile himself to his violent past. — C. Hewitt. (R: violence, some raw language.) 2 hours, 15 minutes. B+

**"OUT OF TIME":** Denzel Washington portrays a police chief in a small Florida Keys town who makes one stupid move after another in this thriller. But stupidity doesn't suit the actor; it's like seeing James Bond in a clown suit. Directed by Richmond native Carl Franklin ("Devil in a Blue Dress"), the movie is conflicted; it wants us to believe that Washington's character would be such a pushover, yet smart enough to elude the police who pursue him. Standard fare, with a mindless plot strengthened by its sultry setting. Oscar-winner Washington deserves better. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, violence and some language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C

**"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL":** Johnny Depp is the best thing about this overblown pirate epic inspired by the Disneyland theme ride. You've never seen a pirate like Depp's Capt. Jack Sparrow: He prances, he flirts; he seems like an escapee from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Keira Knightley (the tomboy from "Bend It Like Beckham") makes a winning love interest, but overall, this Jerry Bruckheimer production is a flashy, soulless bore. After two hours, it becomes a ride one desperately wants to get off. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action/adventure violence.) 2 hours, 23 minutes. C

**"PREY FOR ROCK AND ROLL":** Gina Gershon is perfectly cast as rocker Jackie, a singer-guitarist aching for a break after 20 long years. Some of what happens feels real, a lot doesn't, but even when the screenplay groans with clichés, the four leads (also Shelly Cole, Lori Petty and Drea de Matteo) play their parts with truckloads of heart. — M. Dargis. (R: language, sexual content, drug use and brief violence.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. B

**"THE RUNDOWN":** This movie is equal parts "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Romancing the Stone." The Rock takes us on a fun ride as Beck, a collector for an L.A. bookie. He "runs down" guys who owe money, even if they're big, beefy football stars. But Beck yearns to be a chef like his hero, Emeril. Of course there's one last job, one last client to run down — the bookie's son, Travis, played with a goofy adventurousness by Seann William Scott. The kid is hunting treasure in the Amazon and Beck goes to fetch him. The local gold-mining baron is played with baleful hilarity by that villain's villain, Christopher Walken. — R. Moore. (PG-13: adventure violence, some crude dialogue.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B

**"SCHOOL OF ROCK":** Jack Black stars as Dewey Finn in this happy, crowd-pleasing package with an off-beat, slightly demented script. He's a guitarist with delusions of being a musical deity. Fired from his latest ensemble, desperate for cash to enter a battle-of-the-bands contest and have his revenge, Dewey passes himself off as his substitute-teacher roommate (Mike White) and takes a job at

a swank prep school. Put Black in a classroom of uptight, uniformed over-achievers who now have an aimless sub for a teacher, and watch the sparks fly. — R. Moore. (PG-13: rude humor and drug references.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B+

**"SEABISCUIT":** There are missteps in writer/director Gary Ross' screen adaptation of "Seabiscuit," including some hearty, unnecessary doses of sentimentality, but in the end, they take a back seat to the way the movie makes you feel. Even if you know the outcome of every one of Seabiscuit's races from having read Laura Hillenbrand's best-selling non-fiction account of his career, the movie re-creates them so vividly that you still find yourself leaning forward, wincing your hands in fear the little horse won't reach the finish line first. Jeff Bridges and Chris Cooper are perfectly cast, and Tobey Maguire gets the job done. "Seabiscuit" is the kick in the pants this weak cinematic season so desperately needed. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual situations and sports-related violence.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. B+

**"SECONDHAND LIONS":** Haley Joel Osment stars as Walter, a boy sent by his no-good mom (Kyra Sedgwick) to live with a couple of rich, eccentric uncles in Texas. Garth and Hub (Michael Caine and Robert Duvall) may not use shotguns on their many scheming relatives, but they don't exactly lay out the welcome mat. The boy stays and hears tales of the old man's "Raiders of the Lost Ark" past. Despite a star-studded cast and helpful helpings of sentiment, nostalgia and heart, it's a hollow affair that's content to tell the viewer how to feel rather than earning those feelings through its story and performances. — R. Moore. (PG: thematic material, language and attitude violence.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C

**"THE SECRET LIVES OF DENTISTS":** The Hursts run a husband-and-wife dental practice where the staff refers to them as Dr. Dave (Campbell Scott) and Dr. Dana (Hope Davis), although their most chronically belligerent patient — a musician named Slater (Denis Leary) — refers to Dave as "Dr. Mengele." Director Alan Rudolph is clearly less interested in Dana's secret than Dave's. Dana is having an affair and Dave knows it, but he doesn't confront her; he doesn't want to force a showdown because he would rather save his marriage than his pride. Anesthetized to his own life, Dave invents for himself a raging toothache in the form of an imaginary Slater, who hangs around with him, insulting him for his passivity. — B. Newman. (R: profanity, sexuality.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C-

**"SPELLBOUND":** This Academy Award-nominated documentary is ostensibly about the National Spelling Bee, told through the stories of eight kids who made it to the 1999 finals. But that makes it sound so dry, and this is such a passionate and engaging movie. You fall hard for eight very distinct and somewhat peculiar children, and at the same time, are movingly reminded of all the best things about the melting pot and the American dream. Sharp, clever editing enhances the natural tension of the bee, and filmmakers Jeff Blitz and Sean Welch know how to use irony while remaining good-hearted and true to their subjects. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 37 minutes. A

**"SPY KIDS 3-D: GAME OVER":** The sole reason to see this movie, beyond constant harassment by one's offspring, is that the movie is presented in 3-D. Other than that, this pale shadow of the first "Spy Kids" is as emotionally barren and irritating as the video game it takes place within. Juni (Daryl Sabara) must enter virtual reality to save his sister, Carmen (Alexa Vega), from the clutches of the diabolical Toymaker (Sylvester Stallone). Juni and Grandfather (Ricardo Montalban) get the most screen time. All of this makes us feel as though we are watching the 10th "Spy Kids" movie, the one in which all the real stars declared themselves through with this, leaving the acting to lesser cast members. — M. Pols. (PG: action sequences and peril.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C-

**"STEP INTO LIQUID":** Filmmaker Dana Brown's father, Bruce Brown, made the 1966 film "The Endless Summer," which followed a group of surfing champions on a world tour and became one of the most successful documentaries of all time. The personnel may be different and the technology may have changed, but the format's appeal remains. With its astounding views of angry seas, his handsome young men (and a few women) poised atop 10-foot waves with the serenity and aplomb of an equestrian statue in Central Park, a nonstop soundtrack of old and new surfing songs and a pervasive philosophy that views life as fun and self-fulfillment as the highest good, what is there not to like? Like his father, Brown has the magical ability to take his public on a two-hour vacation. It's the next best thing to being there. — D. Kehr. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B

**"SWIMMING POOL":** It's hard to make the process of writing interesting on film, but director Francois

Ozon and actress Charlotte Rampling pull it off in this graceful and deceptively playful exploration of a writer's mind. Rampling is a dour Englishwoman who heads to her publisher's country home to find inspiration for her new novel; there she encounters his dissolute daughter. Beyond the personality clashes is a rich and compelling subtext, full of plot twists and a major hairpin curve at the end. — B. Nuckolls. (R: strong sexual content, nudity, language, some violence and drug use.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

**"THIRTEEN":** It's the story of two teenage girls who have just moved past stuffed animals into sex, shoplifting and self-mutilation. We follow Tracy (Evan Rachel Wood) in her abrupt transformation from good girl to sullen troublemaker, under the wing of seductive bad seed Evie (Nikki Reed). Tracy's mom (played by Holly Hunter) seems clueless and overwhelmed. The story occasionally veers into melodrama. In addition to Tracy's sudden conversion to sex, drugs, piercing and purse-snatching, almost all the adults are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. The film has been rated R, which raises one troubling question: How can a movie with so much to say to adolescent girls be made off-limits to them unless they're accompanied by a parent or guardian? — B. Newman. (R: profanity, sexuality, drug use, scenes of self-mutilation.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

**"TIBET: CRY OF THE SNOW LION":** Tom Peosay's documentary is an impressive made and often moving account of the captive nation of Tibet, forcibly annexed by China more than 50 years ago. Using material gathered during 10 years, the film functions as both a breathtaking travelogue and a political provocation, offering convincing evidence of the Chinese government's determination to wipe out Tibetan culture and identity. — D. Kehr. (NR) 1 hour, 40 minutes.

**"28 DAYS LATER":** As zombie movies go, director Danny Boyle's is somewhat unusual in that its scariest element may be how plausible its plague scenario seems. Animal activists accidentally unleash test chimpanzees infected with a blood-borne disease and a yen for violence (thanks to being force-fed terrible images). Within 28 days, all of Britain and perhaps the rest of the world, is infected, save for a few plucky survivors, including naive Jim (Cillian Murphy) and the very plucky Selena (Naomie Harris). The second half of the film goes too "Lord of the Flies" on us and loses its spooky edge, but the film has a surprisingly wistful quality to it and promises to be a hipster cult classic, like Boyle's "Trainspotting." — M. Pols. (R: strong violence and gore, language and nudity.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B+

**"UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN":** Generalizations are risky, but anyone wanting to know the answer to the eternal question "What do women want?" (or rather, women over 35) need look no farther than Audrey Wells' frothy adaptation of Frances Mayes' best seller. A woman (Diane Lane) gets dumped, despairs, goes sightseeing in Italy, buys a run-down villa in a small Tuscan hill town, cooks fabulous meals for friends, takes a gorgeous lover and essentially assumes a whole new identity. This is how we should all be dumped. The really nice thing about the movie, aside from Lane's warm, vulnerable performance, is its focus on how we recover from lost love, rather than the pursuit of a fresh one. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B+

**"UNDERWORLD":** Kate Beckinsale stars as Selene, a vampire soldier who belongs to a gang of tragically hip, pistol-wielding bloodsuckers. The vampires are at war with werewolves, and have been for centuries. The

wolves are trying to capture Corvin (Scott Speedman), who human heir to the ancient vampire which both the vampires and wolves sprang. Gunfire ensues, empty ammunition clips clatter noisily to the floor, people lie ward in the air, the audience gasps. — A. Breznican. (R: violence, mild profanity.) 1 hour, 2 hours. B

**"WHALE RIDER":** A retelling of old Maori legend about a boy who believes its origins can be traced to Paikaea, a man who arrived on shores on the back of a whale. The name and tribal duties are already passed on to the eldest child of Paikaea's descendant, when a male baby dies at the shore with his mother, leaving behind a sister, the lineage is disrupted. Paikaea in defiance and leaves. Twelve years later, Paikaea's son, chanting Keisha Castle-Heughan, struggles to be accepted as her traditional grandfather. — (Rawiri Paratene). This movie serves the audience a warm Sundance, Toronto and other dam film festivals. — M. Pols. (brief language, momentary violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B

**"WINGED MIGRATION":** Perrin's breathtaking documentary migrating birds transports you to an exalted realm, where nature under its own inviolable law, much of the movie, filmed over years using five crews, pilots and 14 cinematographers, the camera flies alongside, and below many species of birds, they make their annual round, may sound facetious, but "Winged Migration" provides such a vicarious experience of being airborne creature that the theater feeling like an hour member of another species. Holden. (G) 1 hour, 39 minutes.

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■ **Children's Hospital & Research Center** at Oakland, Children's Hospital Branches and Auctions By the Bay in Alameda are presenting a private screening of the award-winning documentary film **"My Flesh and Blood"** on Tuesday, Oct. 14 Reception at 6 p.m., screening 7 p.m. followed by conversation with the local filmmakers, including director Jonathan Karsh (former host of "Evening Magazine"), producer Jennifer Chaiken and special guest, Susan Tom of Fairfield The film looks at the nature of caring and responsibility from the perspective of Susan Tom, and her 11 special-needs children. The documentary won the Audience Award at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival where it is best documentary and the Jury Prize for best direction. The screening will take place at the Auctions By the Bay Theater in Alameda Tickets \$100. Proceeds benefit Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland. Advance ticket purchase 510-428-3814. Details [www.chlofound.org](http://www.chlofound.org)

■ **Learn easy international folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2, kids \$1. Details: 525-1130

■ **Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m., no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave., \$4; call 525-1542

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place the third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

■ **Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marango at 428-7858.

### Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education**, drop in classes in **dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts** and more; University YMCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

### Lecture/workshop

■ **"Looking at the Middle East Conflict from the Heart and from the Head"** Are you battered by the news from Israel? Join others who are concerned or conflicted about the Middle East to sort out facts from feelings and seek a personal peace. Led by Riva Gambert of the Israel Task Force and Dawn Kepler of Building Jewish Bridges. Monday, Oct. 20, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Berkeley Richmond JCC, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, \$5. Details: Dawn, 510-839-2900 ext. 347, dawn@jfed.org or [www.jfed.org/interfaith.htm](http://www.jfed.org/interfaith.htm)

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Don, 510-525-3565 or [www.berkeleycameraclub.org](http://www.berkeleycameraclub.org).

■ **Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung** classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. 268-4995

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its **Turning Point Career Center**. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. 848-6370.

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■ **Emotions Anonymous**: 12-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

### Literary Events

■ **Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., presents poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Second Wednesdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages. Second Saturdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for grades 4-8. All three events are free and on-going. Light refreshments will be served. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20 for more information.

■ **Storytelling for Adults**, a group of storytellers, and listeners, who love to listen to stories, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Claremont Branch, Berkeley Public Li-

brary, 1940 Benevue, at Ashby Free 610-644-6880, or 525-1533

■ **The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It is available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

### Meetings/Lectures

■ **Kol Hadash**, the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with more than 110 family members from around the Bay Area, meets on the fourth Friday of each month for a regular Shabbat (Sabbath), every other month on a Saturday for a Family Shabbat. The group holds Sunday school classes two Sundays a month, celebrates all the major Jewish holidays and holds special events from time to time. Location: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 428-1492

## Miscellany

■ **The Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., will have its next drop-in craft event from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 11. Participants, in the tradition of the Pennsylvania Germans, will be making Perpetual Art. The workshop led by Roberta Gould, an Albany resident, is free and open to all ages. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20

■ **The Center for Independent Living** announces its newly created **Asian Outreach Program** to assist Asian individuals with disabilities, particularly new immigrants. Providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and English, program staff are culturally sensitive and knowledgeable of community and government service available to individuals with disabilities. For more information, call CIL at 510-763-9999

■ **Friendship Circle**, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

■ **Improve your speaking skills** by attending **Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster** meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3565

■ **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more details call R. DeRitt, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its **Turning Point Career Center**. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

■ **The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics** Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hilegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645

■ **The Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969

■ **Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters**, The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

■ **Toastmasters**: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

■ **Joy of Yiddish**: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

■ **The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. For additional information call 204-4503.

■ **Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hilegass. Details: 704-1822.

■ **"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

■ **State Health Toastmasters** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10, 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750

■ **Higher Alignment**: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships. Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 415-461-5337, \$20

■ **Alta Bates Support Groups** - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292

■ **TOPS**: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly. Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6888

■ **Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and **East Bay Neurology** sponsors a free monthly **stroke support group**. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503

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■ **Pianist Sarah Cahill** performs "Solo Works" and "Rzewski's Coming Together with Ensemble" at 8 p.m. Oct. 13, at Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave. Tickets: \$10. Call Keith Gleason at 510-665-9496 or [kmg94903@aol.com](mailto:kmg94903@aol.com) for more information

■ **Jazzschool**, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, offers the following events: 5 to 7 p.m. every Friday, a "Friday Afternoon Hang," free jam Sessions. Instrumentalists and vocalists welcome to sit in.

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, Larry Schneider Quintet, the man who played sax with Horace Silver, Bill Evans and John Coltrane \$18, \$15, \$12;

4:30 p.m. Sunday Oct. 12, John Santos Quartet "Jazz Latino: American's Music" Workshop. A lecture/demonstration with the John Santos Quartet featuring Orestes Vilato, Free;

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## Outdoors

■ **The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a **free sick plant clinic** on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

■ **Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds**: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lella 655-3911.

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

■ **East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden** Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-822-1021.

## Learning

■ **Berkeley Adult School** offers **ceramics classes** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays at the St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave. Classes are free, materials and firing charges are not. Lunch is offered at a minimal charge. For more information, call Diana Bohn at 525-5497.

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■ **The Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing **chess instruction** Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19

■ **Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost \$30 for 6-week session (prorated fees apply). \$8 for drop in session. Details, Mel Harle, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

■ **Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 238-3554

■ **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers family-friendly program classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into everyday lives. Details: 845-8542 or [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org)

■ **The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be used to earn a GED certificate and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and introductory and advanced computer classes. Details: 644-6130

■ **Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time.

■ **Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in **video production and editing** to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Mar-

tin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers **dance classes** ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalamani Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054 or Life Stories College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-6830

■ **Dance and fitness classes** open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, after dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees. \$8-10. Information: 848-6370

■ **Let's Swing and Jitterbug**: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month, Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley, Diana Castillo, 549-3591, \$40 for four classes

## Religious

■ **Brown Bag Family Shabbat** with Rabbi Kai Eckstein "A Celebration of Sukkot" Noon to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 11, at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Bring lunch for your family, and (finger) dessert to share; juice provided. We also collect non-perishable food for the needy. Call 510-428-1492 or e-mail kolhadash@aol.com for information

## Support

■ **Claremont Center** offers support for caregivers who need a break. Come from noon to 3 p.m. each Monday to St. John's Presbyterian Center, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Volunteers and staff will tend to elders in a small-group setting. For more details, call 510-444-0243 or 510-581-3933

■ **Jewish Family and Children's Services** of the East Bay offers the following community support groups

— **Divorce Support Group**: Pre-registration required. Wednesday evenings Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay in Walnut Creek. Call Dr. Carla Haimowitz at 925-927-2000

— **Bereavement Support Groups**: No Charge. Pre-registration required. Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Berkeley, 510-704-7480 ext. 968 Thursdays, 3:40-5 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Walnut Creek, 925-927-2000 ext. 740

— **Cancer Support Group**: No charge Tuesdays from 12:30 - 2 p.m., Markstein Center, room 2810, 2nd floor, 450 30th Street, Oakland. Call 510-869-8833.

— **Support Group for Women** 60

Years and Older. Finally, a group for older single women explore new options for coping transitions, making new friends, dealing with family and pets, and changing old habits. registration required. Second, fourth Mondays from 3:30-5 p.m. the Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center. Fee: \$10. Call Marti Kutnik LCSW at 510-740 ext. 740

Interfaith Couples Group 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay. Call Cathy Diamond, 704-7480 ext. 225

Social Skills and Anger Management for Boys: A special group for old boys expressing anger and feelings inappropriately or having difficulty making and keeping friends. Pre-registration required. 4-5:15 p.m. at Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay. Berkeley. Fee: \$40/session. Call Cathy Diamond, 704-7480 ext. 225

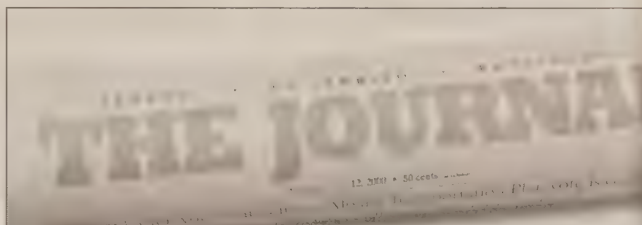
■ **National Alliance for the Ill-Established** Chapter sponsors group to provide information, support to families of children and adults with mental illness. The meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. at Albany United Methodist Church, 2727 College Ave., Albany. Support groups are free and offer parents, family members a chance to share with others in order to share information, call NAMI-East Bay at 1250

■ **Women's Cancer Resources** offers support groups through Bay Area. If you are interested in a group, call the Helpline at 510-7900 during the Center's open hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday to 4 p.m. on the second and fourth

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■ **Fibromyalgia Support Group**: Sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, a 90-minute session from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays, 3:40-5 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Walnut Creek, 925-927-2000 ext. 740

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**AURORA THEATRE COMPANY** — "The Old Neighborhood" by David... closing Oct. 19. When Bobby... to his childhood stomping... the people and places of his... expected cast shadows on...  
 No. 940 Wednesday through Satur-... 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7... 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-... 822 or www.auroratheatre.com

**REPERTORY THEATRE** — "The Notebooks... closing Oct. 19. A look into... of a genius through the ex-... 5,000 pages of Da Vinci's note-... The performance incorporates... dance and spoken word... 555 Tuesday, Thursday and Fri-... 555 Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sat-... 8 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2... 7 p.m.; Oct. 16, 2 p.m. and... 2 p.m. PERFORMANCE... 18, 2015 Addison St., Berkeley... 2949, 888-4BRTix or... berkeleyrep.org

**TRIAL WORKS THEATER ENSEM-**  
 — "Lionheart: The Last Great... by Gary Graves, Oct. 17... Nov. 23. A new look at one of... most famous kings of England... the Third Crusade against his... of the Islamic world, Saladin... 20, Thursday through Saturday... 20, Sunday, 5 p.m. Berkeley City... 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley... 1381 or... centralworks.org

**MENTAL GROUP YOUNG**  
**PLES THEATRE (EGYPT)** — "The... by Minnie Gibson... Erik Hayles, Oct. 11 through Nov... The church body runs the church... every preacher hired to lead it... one comes who cannot be...  
 Thursday through Saturday, 7... Sunday 3 p.m. 5306 Foothill... Oakland. 510-436-4877 or... ypttheatre.com

**ANA CULTURAL CENTER** — Liv-... Arts Playback Theater Ensemble... 11, 8 p.m. The ensemble will act... from audience members... spoken and musical improvisa-...  
 2005 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-... 2566 or www.lapena.org

**NDRE PRODUCTIONS** — "Wet"... Veronica Combs, Oct. 11, 7:30... and 9:30 p.m. A cabaret-style... performance featuring spoken word... song, dance and song, performed... people of color...  
 No. 10. The Oakland Box Theatre... 739 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 415-... 8208

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Oakland Poetry Slam," first and third... Thursdays, 8 p.m. to midnight. An... open mic poetry and music event fol-... lowed by a performance by touring... poets of national acclaim. The night... ends with a poetry slam in which po-... ets compete to get to the finals for a... place on the 2004 Oakland Slam... Team

\$10. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland... 510-451-1932 or... www.oaklandbox.com

**SHOTGUN PLAYERS** — "The Water... Principle" by Eliza Anderson, closing... Oct. 19. Three people are thrown to-... gether on an abandoned land, each... with conflicting notions on issues... ranging from property development to... what is needed to survive. Friday and... Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. The... Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St... \$18 to \$20 general; \$12 seniors and... students

**THEATRE LAB** — "Eat," Oct. 13 through... Oct. 28. A concoction of stories re-... volving around food, from a team of... mad flavorists bent on controlling hu-... man consumption to a construction... worker obsessed with outdoing his... co-worker at lunch. Monday and Tues-... day, 8 p.m. La Val's Subterranean, 1834... Euclid St. \$10  
 Berkeley. 510-704-8210 or www.shot-... gunplayers.org

**TRANSPARENT THEATRE** — "The No... Ghost Hamlet" by William Shake-... speare, Oct. 17 through Nov. 23. The... original dialogue of Shakespeare's... play has been placed into a modern... domestic setting, with Hamlet as a... woman arriving home from college to... mourn her father's death, finding her... mother set to marry her abusive un-... cle, while all the while she is having... an affair with her neighbor, Uphelia...  
 \$25, Thursday, pay-what-you-can... Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.;... Sunday, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave.,... Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.trans-... parenttheatre.org

**UC BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF**  
**THEATER, DANCE, AND PERFORM-**  
**ANCE STUDIES** — "Foe" by Peter... Glazer and J.M. Coetzee, closing Oct... 19. The story of "Robinson Crusoe" is... told from the point of view of a female... castaway, in a political and provoca-... tive rereading of Daniel Defoe's clas-... sic story.  
 \$10 to \$14 general; \$8 seniors and stu-... dents. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.;... Sunday, 2 p.m. Zellerbach Playhouse... Ashby and Shattuck avenues, Berke-... ley. 866-468-3399 or... http://theater.berkeley.edu.

## POPULAR MUSIC

**ADIDAM OF NORTHERN CALIFOR-**  
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415-703-0330 or www.facingeast.com

**ASHKENAZ** — Harry Best and Sha-... bang, Tropical Vibrations, Oct. 10... 9:30 p.m. \$13  
 Ze Manel, Oct. 11, 9:30 p.m. \$13  
 Courtaleu, Oct. 14, 8:30 p.m. \$9  
 Brenda Boykin and Big Soul Country... Oct. 15, 9 p.m. \$9  
 Steve Lucky and The Rhumba Burns... Ms. Carmen Getti, Oct. 17, 9:30 p.m... \$13  
 Kotoja, Oct. 18, 9:30 p.m. \$13  
 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-... 525-5055 or www.ashkenaz.com

**BECKETT'S IRISH PUB** — Woman... Oct. 10  
 Nicole McRory, Oct. 11, Oct. 15 and... Oct. 18.  
 Shots, Oct. 16  
 Skunkdivers, Oct. 17  
 Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at... 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted... 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-... 647-1790 or... www.beckettsirishpub.com

**BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH** — The... Steve Gannon Band and Mz Dee... Mondays. \$4

For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30... p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley... 510-848-0886 or www.blakesonte-... graph.com

**DOWNTOWN** Leonard Thompson... Oct. 10  
 Frank Jackson, Oct. 11  
 Mimi Fox Solo Guitar, Oct. 14  
 Jules Broussard, Bing Nathan, Ned... Boynton, Oct. 15  
 Keni El Lebriano Flamenco Guitar, Oct... 16  
 Denise Pernier, Oct. 17  
 Pitt of Fashion Orchestra, Oct. 18  
 Free. Tuesday through Thursday at 8... p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at... 9:30 p.m. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berke-... ley. 510-649-3610 or www.downtow-... nrestaurant.com

**DUNSMUIR HOUSE & GARDENS** —... "Mariachi Festival," Oct. 12, noon to 6

p.m.  
 \$25 general; free for children ages 12... and younger 2960 Peralta Oaks... Court, Oakland. 925-275-9490 or... www.dunsmuir.org

**FALL NOONTIME MUSIC SERIES** —... Every Wednesday through October. A... weekly concert series featuring jazz-... guitar musicians who are also partici-... pating in the JazzMasters Workshop... Music begins at noon  
 Free. City Center, Broadway and 12th... Street, Oakland. 510-628-8490 or... www.citycenter.com

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 Edios, Oct. 11, \$16.50 to \$17.50  
 Austin Lounge Lizards, Oct. 12, \$16.50... to \$17.50  
 Bill Staines, Oct. 13, \$16.50 to \$17.50  
 Baby Gramps, Oct. 15, \$15.50 to

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 Steve Baughman and Robin Bullock... Oct. 16, \$15.50 to \$16.50  
 Ellen Robinson, Oct. 17, \$15.50 to... \$16.50  
 Bluegrass Intentions, Oct. 18, \$16.50 to... \$17.50  
 Vaseen, Oct. 19, \$16.50 to \$17.50  
 Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise... noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley... 510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or... www.freightandsalvage.org

**KIMBALLS EAST** — Brian Culbertson... Oct. 10 through Oct. 12, \$30  
 Kenny Lattimore and Charlie Moore... Oct. 16 through Oct. 19, \$30  
 Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10... p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 6005... Shellmond St., Emeryville. 510-762-... BASS or www.kimballs.com

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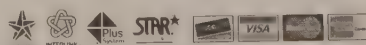


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**BERKELEY** — A series of lectures and films on outdoor equipment and techniques. "Yoga: Tips for Getting the Most Out of Your Practice," Oct. 16. The founder of Wild Earth Yoga, Dennis Eagan, will give a presentation on the benefits of yoga in the outdoors and will demonstrate techniques.

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## EXHIBITS

**ARTS AND CRAFTS CO-OPERATIVE (ACC) GALLERY** — "Whimsy," Oct. 10 through Nov. 8. An exhibit of works by seven Bay Area artists.

Reception, Oct. 10, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2527 or <http://www.aaccigallery.com>.

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Free, Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 510-644-6893 or [www.berkeleyartcenter.org](http://www.berkeleyartcenter.org).

**CHIGALLERY.COM** — "Natural Forces," through Oct. 30. An exhibit of paintings by Orlando Uffre, Corinne Innis and Bill Dallas that reflect the duality in nature and art.

Free, Addition St. Windows Gallery, between 2002 and 2020 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-841-1974 or [www.chigallery.com](http://www.chigallery.com).

**CITY OF OAKLAND MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND ADA PROGRAMS DIVISION** — "Art of Disability," closing Oct. 10. An exhibit of works from The Prescott-Joseph Center, Creative Growth, Toolworks, Stepping Stones, Center for Accessible Technology and the National Institute of Art and Disabilities. An audio tape is available for those who are blind. Please refrain from wearing scented products.

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Free, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. 510-836-2340 or [www.creativegrowth.org](http://www.creativegrowth.org).

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**EAST BAY WOMEN ARTISTS** — "Savory Glimpses," through Jan. 4, 2004. An exhibit of paintings, prints, collage, wall sculpture and photography by artists Kay Athos, Joyce Blegen, Virginia Dorn, Joan Finton, Lynda H. Robinson, Rita Sargent-Simon, Rita Sklar and Shirley Warwick.

Free, Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mount Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348.

**17TH ANNUAL EMERYVILLE ART EXHIBITION** — through Oct. 26. An exhibit of work by artists and craftspeople from Emeryville. Works include paintings, sculptures, textiles, photographs, ceramics, jewelry and glass works. There will also be live performances throughout the month.

Free, Daily, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5616 Bay St., Emeryville. 510-652-6122 or [www.EmeryArts.org](http://www.EmeryArts.org).

**GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION — EXHIBITS** — "Requiem for an Excluded Bird," through Feb. 15, 2004. An exhibit of works by Junko Chudoh. Free, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 510-649-2500 or [www.gtu.edu](http://www.gtu.edu).

**HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY** — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," ongoing. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community.

Free, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. 510-530-4590.

**KALA ART INSTITUTE** — "2003 James D. Phelan Art Awards in Printmaking," through Oct. 31. An exhibit of prints by recipients of the award that is given to three California-born artists. Free, Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-2977 or [www.kala.org](http://www.kala.org).

**LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER** — "Archaeology of Memory," through Oct. 30. An exhibit of multi-media works by Quince Gruz (a.k.a. Claudio Duran) exploring the aesthetic coup that happened during the dictatorship of Pinochet.

Free, Wednesday through Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Cafe, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568

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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR ART** — "Violence Against Women/Women Against Violence," closing Oct. 12. An exhibit of works by 60 artists on the theme of violence against women along with panels and speakers on the subject. Free, Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Nexus Gallery, 2707 Eighth St., Berkeley. 510-489-5468.

**OAKLAND BOX THEATER A.R.T. GALLERY** — "Abstract Paintings and Drawings by Greg Jalbert," closing Oct. 17. An exhibit of landscapes by the artist.

Free with admission. Call for times. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932 or [www.oaklandbox.com](http://www.oaklandbox.com).

**RICHMOND ART CENTER** — "Bay Area Selections," through Nov. 8. An exhibit of fibers, metal and jewelry by artists Christine Culver, Hilary Finck, Rose Kelly, Charlotte Kruk N' Kempen, Linda Michel-Cassidy, Laurel Nathanson and Alexandra Von Burg. In the Main Gallery.

"Inter Bellum," through Nov. 8. An exhibit of work by Jos Sances. In the West Gallery.

"The Inner Wilderness," through Nov. 8. An exhibit of paintings by Ariel. In the South Gallery.

"Sutcase Stories: My Mother's Baggage and Other Stories of Family, Resettlement, Secrets and Identity," through Nov. 8. An exhibit featuring works by Flo Oy Wong and other artists. In the Community Gallery.

"The Outsiders: An Alternative Family's Search for Legitimacy," through Nov. 8. An exhibit of photographs by Susan Tipland.

"You're So Funny," through Nov. 8. An exhibit of satirical paintings by Arthur Scott King, Katherine Parker and Barbara Schubert.



Free, Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. 510-620-6772 or [www.therichmondartcenter.org](http://www.therichmondartcenter.org).

**UC BERKELEY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM** — "Our Daily Bread," through Jan. 20, 2004. An exhibit of photographs showing daily life in Israel by Micha Bar-Am.

Free, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Center for Photography, 121 North Gate Hall, UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley. 510-642-3383

## GENERAL

**CHABOT SPACE AND SCIENCE CENTER** — A state-of-the-art facility unifying all science education activities around astronomy. GALLERIES AND EXHIBITS — "Mars Encounter," ongoing. This new hands-on exhibit is designed to show what the planet Mars is like. Included is a four-foot tactile Mars globe, complete with craters and canals; a Martian meteorite; a Martian Sci-Fi theater; a Mars Mission Control where visitors can find out about current and past missions; a Mars quiz game; a virtual vacation on Mars; and a play area for the younger crowd.

"Moon Mystery," ongoing. See an ancient piece of the Moon up close. This 3.3 billion-year-old moon rock offers clues to the early history of earth and our Solar System.

"The Human Body Exhibit," ongoing. A 500-square-foot exhibit that offers a variety of hands-on activities as well as displays on topography, x-ray and hearing. In addition there is a computer fly-through of 3D representations of human anatomy. The exhibit coordinates with the film "The Human Body" in the Tien Megadome Theater lobby.

"Zeiss Telescopes," ongoing. This traveling exhibit displays telescopes and other stargazing equipment from the noted German manufacturer. Also included is Chabot's Zeiss Universarium Starball in the Planetarium.

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**Unholy Wars,** Jhumpa Lahiri, \$16.95. Expanding on her signature theme of the immigrant experience, Lahiri brings to the fore the clash of culture and the tangled web of generations. Lahiri brings to the fore the clash of culture and the tangled web of generations. Lahiri brings to the fore the clash of culture and the tangled web of generations.

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**Five People You Meet in Heaven,** Mitch Albom, \$19.95. From the author of the "New York Times" bestseller "Tuesdays in Morristown" comes a novel that explores unexpected connections of real lives and the idea that heaven is within a place — it's an answer.

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Hardcover NonFiction

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2. **"Under the Banner of Heaven,"** Jon Krakauer, \$26. At the core of his book is an appalling double murder committed by two Mormon Fundamentalists brothers, Ron and Dan Lafferty, who insist they received a revelation from God commanding them to kill their blameless victims.

3. **"The Ultimate Weight Solution,"** Phillip McGraw, \$26. From the bestselling author of "Self Matters" comes a revolutionary weight loss program as only Dr. Phil could write it — a book that changes behavior in a most unique way and that will change lives forever.

4. **"Bushwhacked,"** Molly Ivins & Lou Dubose, \$24.95. With the unrelenting challenges to civil liberties presented by the war on terrorism, the failure of the Bush economic policy, and the largely unnoticed crumbling of the quality of American life, the time is ripe for Ivins' no-holds-barred look at the first years of the George W. Bush presidency.

5. **"The Great Unraveling,"** Paul Krugman, \$25.95. In this long-awaited work containing economist Krugman's most influential columns along with new commentary, he chronicles how the boom economy unraveled: how exuberance gave way to pessimism, how the age of corporate heroes gave way to corporate scandals, and how fiscal responsibility collapsed.

6. **"The South Beach Diet,"** Arthur Agatston, M.D., \$24.95. Dr. Agatston has developed an all-science, deliciously heart-healthy program that offers immediate results, helping dieters shed 10, 20, 30 pounds while radically changing their blood chemistry, reversing diabetes and lowering high cholesterol.

7. **"Reading Lolita in Tehran,"** Azar Nafisi, \$23.95. The astonishing true story of young women who met in secret each week to read and talk about forbidden Western classics — and their lives and loves — in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

8. **"Thieves in High Places,"** Jim Hightower, \$24.95. America listens to Jim Hightower. In this book he takes on the Bushies, the Wobblies, and the corporate Kleptocrats, digging up behind-the-scenes dirt that the corporate media overlooks.

9. **"Mountains Beyond Mountains,"** Tracy Kidder, \$25.95. This wonderful book by a "master of the nonfiction narrative" (Baltimore Sun) shows how one gifted person has made a difference, and how problems that seem insurmountable can be understood and solved.

10. **"Madam Secretary,"** Madeleine Albright, \$27.95. Sure to be one of the signature books of the century, this is a tapestry both intimate and panoramic, personal and public, and a rich memoir of a powerful woman. Two 16-page photo inserts.

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Oct. 10. The author will talk about "Monstrous Regiment." Saul Landau, Oct. 11. The commentator and author will discuss his book, "The Pre-emptive Empire: A Guide to Bush's Kingdom." Susan Choi, Oct. 13. The author will talk about the book, "American Woman." Jonathan Raban, Oct. 14. The author will talk about his new novel, "Waxwings."

Rick Atkinson, Oct. 16. The journalist will talk about his book, "An Army at Dawn: The War in North Africa, 1942-1943." George Packer and Todd Gitlin, Oct. 17. The contributors will talk about the collection, "The Fight Is for Democracy: Winning the War of Ideas in America and the World." Janna Levin, Oct. 18. The author will talk about her book, "How the Universe Got Its Spots: Diary of a Finite Time in a Finite Space."

POETRY AT CODY'S — 7:30 p.m. at Telegraph Avenue. Kate Gale and Tracy K. Smith, Oct. 12. Geoff Brock and Sidney Wade, Oct. 19. SPECIAL EVENT — Molly Ivins, Oct. 15. The author discusses her new book, "Bushwhacked: Life in George Bush's America," with moderator Doug Foster. In the Sanctuary at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, \$5. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2454 Telegraph Ave. 510-845-7852.

FOURTH STREET — Susan Snyder, Oct. 17. The author will discuss her book, "Bear in Mind: The California Grizzly." Peter Nichols, Oct. 19. The author will talk about his book, "Evolution's Captain: The Dark Fate of the Man Who Said Charles Darwin Around the World." Readings at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 1730 Fourth St. 510-559-9500. Free. Berkeley.

UC BERKELEY, PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE — "The Heart of the Matter: Heddy Honigmann," through Oct. 24.

# Plough plans 30th anniversary concert

By Brian Kluepfel  
CORRESPONDENT

BERKELEY — Sing. Dance. Bring an instrument. Tell a joke; rap out a new rhyme. For 30 years, Berkeley's Starry Plough has been the ultimate East Bay DIY dive; the perfect People's Pub for the People's Republic.

Though many famous names have graced the stage over the years — Cake, Sun Ra Arkestra and Jonathan Richman, to name but a few — it's the regular open mikes and open stages that make the Plough a local's local. Shay Black's Sunday Irish session has become a staple, with folks from as far as Sacramento toting along their fiddles, bodhrans and wash-tub basses. The session morphs easily into Monday night's Irish ceilí, or dance class.

Tuesday features one of the Bay Area's longest-running open mikes (10 years), with one of the longest sign-up sheets. Wednesday's raucous Poetry Slam has birthed an array of talent, and Berkeley's own team has gone on to success in national Slam competitions. Each of the "open" events — the Irish session, a

## IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Starry Plough's 30th Anniversary concerts/shows featuring Cowlicks, Chuck Prophet, Naked Barbies and others

**WHERE:** Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley

**WHEN:** Thursday (Cowlicks) and Friday (Chuck Prophet), Oct. 17 and 18

**TICKETS/INFO:** All shows free. www.starryploughpub.com, 510-841-2082

**OTHER:** Special Irish session on Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. serving an Irish dinner.

"best of" open mike, and an anniversary-themed slam — are adding something a bit special this week to highlight the club's birthday. Next Monday's celli even offers corned beef to early-arriving dancers.

Black talked about the magic of Sunday nights. "When I moved to the States, the Starry Plough was my local bar. We started trying to play a session as soon as the dancing was over

on Monday, but it started too late. So I waited until Sunday night became available. From the very start they wanted me to take responsibility for it ... that gave me the opportunity to put my own personal stamp on the session."

He occasionally has to call for order (*cianus*, in the Gaelic) so that the barflies quiet down for the singers (he also demands that songs come from the Irish tradition). But it's become part of the public-house culture here, he says. "People who go down to the Plough have an appreciation of culture, and the standard isn't poor. They know it's the ethos of the place."

Charles Ellik, host of the Starry Plough's raucous Wednesday evening slams, makes no bones about the talent level. "It's one of the most competitive in the world," he said. (He also coached the Berkeley team to the national finals in Minnesota last year.) People drive from as far as Santa Rosa and Reno to take part in the standing-room-only event. Special events include chickens-only "Amazon Slams." (Ellik

helps newcomers with a "Tips for Poetry Slams" handout, explaining the intricacies and mores of the art form/competition).

Kenny Mostren, who's helped put together the Battle of the Bay ultimate slam at the Plough, emphasized the friendly, bonding vibe. Mostren talked about what attracts him to the genre. "Slam is a very specific spoken-word format. I think it's (a formula) like the pop song, or the sonnet. I love pop songs, and I love slam," he says.

A series of free concerts highlights the weekend, including shows by Chuck Prophet, avant-acordionist Mark Growden, and the Naked Barbies.

So write a special poem or song. Break out your dancing shoes. Raise a glass to owners Mehrdad Naima and Rose Hughes, who continue to keep something very special alive on the corner of Shattuck and Prince: the neighborhood pub.

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SOM'S EXHIBIT runs through Oct. 12 at Mills College.

## Som

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"I would be somewhere and think about these Chinese people: Who are they, how did they get there, why are they here?"

A Cantanese-speaking friend from San Francisco helped her delve into those issues on one trip. And in Wyoming, Berkeley artist Donna Keiko Ozawa worked with her to talk to Midwesterners and Asian-Americans alike. "People were very interested to talk about the project."

See www.indigosom.com, stretcher.org and www.mills.edu for more information on the project.

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## Kirov

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Today, Gergiev presides over a re-energized company that employs more than 2,000 people. It's the same company, he says, that was the birthplace of numerous operas and ballets, including the world premieres of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," "Nutcracker," "Sleeping Beauty" and "Queen of Spades," as well as numerous works by Borodin, Mussorgsky, Prokofiev, Rimsky-Korsakov and Shostakovich. And, under his leadership, new productions — including the Kirov's recent, ultra-modern "Ring" cycle — continue to be built.

Gergiev is particularly enthusiastic about the Kirov Orchestra, which he says has regained its competitive edge. Founded in the 18th century during the reign of Peter the Great, the orchestra currently maintains an aggressive touring schedule, with frequent stops in Europe, Japan and the United States.

Gergiev doesn't supervise the Kirov Ballet's choreography — "I don't tell the ballet dancers how

to dance," he says gruffly — but does monitor the company's repertoire.

He has also been a powerful force for bringing international artists to Russia. Earlier this year, he directed the White Nights festival in Moscow, with a labyrinthine schedule of ballet, opera, orchestral and choral performances that ran for four months and featured a stellar lineup of singers, dancers and instrumentalists.

As he prepares to lead the Kirov Ballet and Orchestra in their first joint West Coast performance, Gergiev is clearly pleased with what he's accomplished at the Mariinsky. Asked what he's proudest of, the conductor doesn't hesitate.

"Keeping it together, of course," he says. "It was a musical task, a leadership task, it was energy and dedication, complete concentration. My role was to tell people, 'We're going to be better and better, more and more famous, stronger and stronger every year.' Because I know that if you give quality, people will give you support."

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# 1976 Cadillac Coupe DeVille: A 'big' dream comes true

## MOTOR MATTERS

Dan Ryan came by his affection for enormous vintage American cars honestly. Once, in 1976, his father, a service manager for Buick in New York, took his pre-teen son on a tour of the General Motors assembly plant in Linden, N.J.

Father and son were shown how Oldsmobile Ninety Eights, Buick Electra 225s and Cadillac DeVilles were assembled.

"Since then I've always liked B-G American cars," Ryan says. When he turned 16, his first set of wheels was a very used 1967 Buick Electra 225 convertible. He wowed all of his Long Island neighbors with his land yacht.

Several other big cars came and went before the summer of 2002. That was when Ryan decided the time had come to go first-class and buy a Cadillac.

He didn't want a downsized Cadillac and the big ones that captivated his attention were 1975 and 1976 models. "I wanted the cream of the crop," he explains.

On the Internet he saw a 1976 Cadillac Coupe DeVille being auctioned. He liked the car but thought the reserve price was unrealistic so he did not bid. Evidently all the other bidders shared his opinion because the car remained unsold.

Soon thereafter Ryan contacted the owner in New Jersey to see if he remained interested in selling the car. Getting an affirmative answer, Ryan delved deeper into the history of the Cadillac and discovered that the man selling the car, Anthony S. Lanza, had bought it new from the Lex Depp Cadillac dealership on Columbia Turnpike in Florham Park, N.J., on Sept. 9, 1976.

Lanza had selected a high-dollar car,

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and even with a down payment of \$3,500, he was left with 48 monthly payments to GMAC of \$192.23 each. He drove home in a new Cadillac Coupe DeVille that stretches slightly more than 19 feet between the bumpers.

Beneath the flight-deck-size hood is an 8.2-liter, V8 engine that translates into a 500-cubic-inch powerplant. Even with all that mass, the output — thanks to strangling government regulations — was a mere 190 horsepower and 360 pounds-foot of torque.

Following telephone negotiations, Ryan and Lanza agreed to meet in August 2002. "I took the train to north Jersey," Ryan says. There, he was met by an old friend who drove him to see the Cadillac.

"I thought that if I didn't like it I would take the train back home," he says. However, there wasn't much to dislike about the car with about 62,000 miles on the odometer.

"The more I looked, the more excited I became," Ryan admits. After a flawless 25-mile test drive, he could hardly wait to pay for the car. "It ran like a champ," he says.

Ryan drove the 300 miles home that very day. "I averaged about 15 miles per gallon," he reports, "and that was before a tuneup."

The air conditioner wasn't working so the trip down the New Jersey Turnpike was made with the windows down and the fingers crossed. "I thought, 'If I figure it out if it breaks down,'" Ryan says. Fortunately,



**OWNER** works for Mazda but drives 1976 Cadillac Coupe DeVille. Car 62,000 miles on odometer in 2002 when purchased from original owner and needed a new radiator and air conditioner.

he didn't have to figure anything out. Once he arrived home, Ryan took the car to a trusted mechanic where he left the car for two months. The Cadillac underwent a complete examination.

Minor trouble spots were nipped in the bud and the air-conditioner compressor was replaced and converted to R-134a environmentally friendly coolant.

"I wanted to make the car reliable to drive anywhere," Ryan says. The only real surprise, he comments, was the need to replace the radiator.

Now that he has his mechanically

healthy Cadillac in hand, he marvels at all the goodies that were on a car 27 years ago. The Cadillac features cruise control, intermittent wipers, power seats, remote-control right-side mirror and rear-window defogger.

But, of course, this is a Cadillac. "It's a good way to travel," Ryan says.

"It's comfy, like your living room," he remarks. Now that the Cadillac, with a Firemist Crystal Blue finish, has received a clean bill of health, Ryan has taken two lengthy trips in it, one to New York and the other to Rehoboth Beach, Del. Both trips,

he happily reports, were trouble-free. Ryan, manager of government and safety with Mazda, is not sure of his car — if the weather or traffic is light. When he does work on streets full of pot holes with a smile, "In my Cadillac I like them, but I don't feel them."

For your car to become a classic, send a color photo (front plus brief details and phone number) to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbottsford VA 22181. Only good quality photos acceptable.

## Cadillac XLR is most powerful vehicle in its class

### MOTOR MATTERS

Dynamic design, advanced technology and a unique blend of luxury and performance, the Cadillac XLR brings striking new presence to the elite roadster class.

The vehicle underscores its vibrant visual statement with a performance-oriented chassis and structure, and a new 4.6-liter V8 boasting 340 horsepower with a rear-wheel drive engine.

This combination makes it the most powerful vehicle in its class.

**Lowering the boom:** Most automakers have agreed to make big sport utility vehicles and pickups less threatening to cars.

The changes, according to USA Today, include lowering many full-size sport utility vehicles and pickups, and putting head-protecting side airbags in most cars and trucks. They would be phased in by the 2008

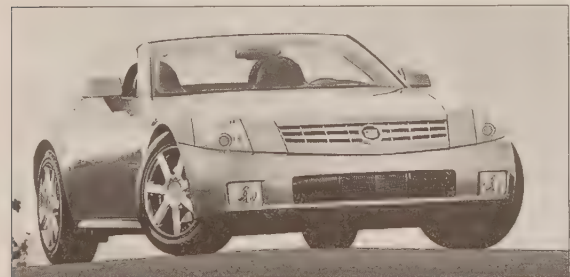
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model year under a voluntary plan, expected to be announced this month.

**Put up or shut up:** Thirty-four percent of 50,000 respondents to a J.D. Power and Associates survey said they "definitely want" side airbags, a figure that is up from 18 percent in the 1997 survey.

Even an older J.D. Powers and Associates survey reveals side airbags at the top of the 19 vehicle features respondents said they wanted.

However, when it comes to buying them, it's another story. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the sales of airbags when offered as an option remain low.



**CADILLAC'S NEW** roadster, the XLR, offers dynamic design, advanced technology and a combination of luxury and performance.

## Road

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supports the vehicle, Edmonds said.

"If people maintain their air pressure, they get better performance out of the tire, it has a longer life, and the vehicle performs much better from a control and safety standpoint. When you get 4 to 6 pounds low on air pressure, the way a vehicle handles is affected," Edmonds said.

Substantially underinflated tires can result in the tread separating or in a blowout, which could cause a driver to lose control. In emergency maneuvers, such as swerving to avoid an obstacle, a severely underinflated tire can upset the balance of a vehicle, which could lead to losing control, or a rollover, Edmonds said.

"In the time it takes to fill the tank you can easily check the air pressure on all four tires once a month," Edmonds said. "You can buy a simple pencil gauge for a couple of bucks, or get a digital gauge, or a fancy gauge that will talk to you."

Don't count on being able to notice that tire pressures are down just by looking at the tires. The way tires are designed these days, a 3 or 4 pound pressure difference is going to be very difficult for the untrained eye to see, Edmonds said.

The first step is to know the recommended inflation pressure for your tires. This is the number that indicates the amount of air pressure a tire needs to be properly inflated. It is measured in pounds per square inch, or psi.

That number is not found on the tire. The psi number on the tire is the maximum pressure for that tire based on the tire manufacturer's design.

The tire inflation pressure for a vehicle can be found in the owner's manual, a placard in the glove compartment, or on the driver's door pillar (doorjamb). On a few vehicles it is inside the fuel-filler door.

The pressures are the same for all four tires for most vehicles, but some require different pressures in the front and rear, Edmonds said. Tires on sport utilities may require a different pressure when the vehicle

is fully loaded or towing.

Check the pressures when the tires are cold, which means when the vehicle hasn't been driven for an hour or so, or driven just a short distance to the service station, Edmonds said. If you have driven some distance or at higher speeds on the highway, the tire pressure will be slightly inflated because of the heat that builds up in the tire.

Remove the valve cap from the tire, push down with the tire gauge and read the pressure. Then either add air or depress the valve to let air escape. Keep checking with the gauge until you have either added or removed the correct amount of air.

While it is not unusual to lose a pound of air every six months or so in normal vehicle operation, checking tire pressure is also important to do when the seasons change. Air pressure will change one pound for every 10 degrees in temperature change.

"In the fall, pressures will be going down as the temperatures drop. You could easily end up with underinflated tires," Edmonds cautioned.

The bottom line is this: even though the extra \$2,000 for the LS is well worth the investment, 65 percent either don't recognize the difference between the two cars or, if they do appreciate the difference, aren't able to afford the additional cost. I wonder which answer is correct.

30 mpg highway, while the LS is rated at 19 mpg city and 27 mpg highway.

The rear seats of both models are reasonably comfortable for a mid-size sedan, and include the LATCH system for child seats. Both vehicles are equipped with numerous other safety features.

## 2004 MITSUBISHI GALANT ES AND LS

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door front-wheel drive mid-size sedan
Suggested Retail	ES: \$19,000; LS: \$21,000
ES Engine Type	SOHC 16-valve, 2.4-liter four-cylinder w/MFI
LS Engine Type	SOHC 24-valve, 3.8-liter V6 w/MFI
Horsepower	160 @ 5,500 rpm/230 @ 5,250 rpm
Torque	157 @ 4,000 rpm/250 @ 4,000
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	108 inches
Height	58 inches
Curb Weight	3,551/3,560 pounds
Fuel Capacity	17 gallons
Mileage	23/19 city, 30/27 highway

## Keane

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tions to accommodate various budgets. They have the usual configurations such as four-wheel disc brakes, keyless entry, and power windows and locks, and all models have the latest innovations in safety equipment.

The array of standard equipment improves as you move up the line from DE to ES to LS and GTS. The top-of-the-line vehicle comes with a 270-watt Infinity sound system that is outstanding.

A couple of other notes: The odometer numerals are easy to read, and when driving into a darkened area in daylight, such as a tunnel, the instrumentation is clearly distinguishable in bright blue.

One area that I noted favorable toward the ES was the fuel economy. The ES model produces 23 miles per gallon and

## Tire/wheel assembly can shake even through machine indicates tires are balanced

### KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

**Q** I recently purchased a new set of tires at a discount store for my '91 Hyundai. Ever since, I've detected a minor shake that hasn't been fixed, even after two trips back for them to recheck it.

The manager tells me the tires are perfectly balanced and whatever I'm feeling isn't caused by the tires.

I'm positive the car rode better than this before the tires were installed. Is one of us being unreasonable?

**Peggy Turnbull, San Jose, Calif.**

**A** Peggy, nobody knows better than you how your car feels and sounds. There's a good chance one of your tire/wheel assemblies is causing a shake even though the balance machine says it's OK.

In addition to being properly balanced, wheels must be true (not bent or out of round) and tires must be true, round and have uniform thickness and cord positioning.

Let's start at the wheels. A good Hyundai steel wheel should have less than 1 millimeter axial and .6 millimeter radial run-out (wobble), and an aluminum wheel's limit is .3 in both planes (other vehicles have similar but differing specs).

This is measured with a dial indicator, preferably with the wheel mounted to the vehicle. If radial run-out exceeds specs, I'd try repositioning the wheel on the vehicle hub prior to replacing it.

Now the tires. Most, if not all new tires come with red and yellow dots on the sidewall that correspond to the tire's uniformity and weight.

The red dot should be aligned with a

## BRAD BERGHOLDT Auto QnA

dimple or similar marking on the wheel. On the wheels without marks, the yellow dot is aligned with the valve stem.

This is known as match mounting and helps reduce the effects of a slightly out of true tire and wheel. The idea is to align the high spot of the tire with the low spot of the wheel, or the tire's light point with the wheel's heavy point, reducing the chance of vibration.

If the above efforts do not provide acceptable smoothness, RFV (radial force variation) might be the culprit. This term refers to variations in tire sidewall and footprint stiffness as the tire rolls under a loaded condition.

Excessive RFV can be caused by mispositioned cords or belts within the casing as a result of manufacturing defects. This can result in uneven tire wear and speed-sensitive vibration.

How can excessive RFV be detected? By using a special machine, Hunter GSP9700 Vibration Control, that applies a specified load to the tire and tests it. Wheel and tire assembly also are measured.

If both tire and wheel are within reasonable limits, the tire is replaced, the rim, or forced matched, to be assembled unit into specifications. RFV might require tire replacement.

To find a nearby shop with the click the locate link on [www.gsp.com](http://www.gsp.com). Brad Bergholdt teaches auto technology in San Jose. E-mail him at [the-hood@juno.com](mailto:the-hood@juno.com).

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# Small-scale economy RVing is within your reach with a slide-in camper

BY JEFF JOHNSTON  
MOTOR MATTER

any of us with interest in RVs expressed and somewhat awed by the big, high-buck RVs on the road.

These giant-size 35-to-40-foot motorhomes and huge fifth-wheel trailers are amazing for their available accommodations and left-out features. They are, for many of us, incredibly expensive and out of reach as regards recreation budgets.

Fortunately, there are plenty of affordable RV alternatives that don't require an arm and a leg. One of the popular entry-level RVs has always been a slide-in truck camper. It can be lower cost because it doesn't involve any chassis, motor, or gear or other costly hardware. It's just a living box that rides atop a bed. That means it's relatively inexpensive to build.

Slide-in campers are big and heavy enough to require a large pickup or a heavy-duty truck. Again, this is an expensive vehicle, but not everyone has a truck.

Some companies are addressing the price and size problem when designing truck campers. The Six-Pac camper has been around for years, but the company fell on its face a while back.

It was purchased by Four Wheel Campers (1460 Churchill Ave., Woodland, CA 95776; 800-1989, www.six-pac.com) and the entire line has been redesigned and upgraded for a new and fresh customer appeal. In addition, many Six-Pac models are designed for use on the new trucks that are so popular

and passengers.

Here's a quick way to check your weight situation. Take your pickup to a scale and weigh it when it's loaded with a full tank of fuel and the usual people you take on a camping trip. Deduct that weight from its GVWR to arrive at its payload capacity.

For example, a truck with an 8,500-pound GVWR that weighs 6,000 pounds has 2,500 pounds of payload capacity. Also remember that the options, water and propane you add to a camper count towards its overall weight, which can considerably bump up the figures quoted in the manufacturer's literature — and that's before you load it with food, clothing and other RVing necessities.

It also helps to keep an eye on your rear axle gross axle weight rating since that's where most of the camper weight is carried. When you weigh the truck, also weigh just its rear axle, and deduct that figure from its rear GAWR to see how much weight can be carried out back without overloading the axle. Both weight-related steps are the best way to avoid overloading-related problems with your truck and camper setup.

What do you get in a small Six-Pac camper for a low price? It's fully self-contained and has a three-way refrigerator, water heater, wet bath with freshwater flush toilet, a two-burner propane stove, demand-type water system and single-bowl sink. A 60- x 80-inch cabover bed, plus an L-shaped dinette that makes into another smaller bed, provide sleeping for two adults and one or two children.

There's not a lot of floor space in the camper, but that's what users expect and simply live with.



MOTOR MATTER

COMFORTABLE CAMPING is available in an affordable, downsized RV like the new Six-Pac SC-150RD truck camper which doesn't need a big, expensive truck to haul it.

The unit we used had a few select options, including \$500 mechanical jacks, a \$295 FanTastic vent fan, \$105 in upgraded insulation and a \$35 stove cover. If it were ours, we'd definitely opt for the \$355 auto-ignite furnace, the \$55 pre-wire for stereo and speakers, the \$295 TV antenna and shelf, and the \$175 outdoor shower.

It's easy to get carried away with options, however, and too many

would boost the price sky high — something the Six-Pac is designed to avoid with its low initial cost.

Since the higher-end, heavier campers can easily top \$16,000-

plus, even a Six-Pac with a few options will still be decently affordable. And no matter what, it's still a darn sight better than a tent.

It isn't necessary to make a huge

investment to start enjoying RV-style recreation. Make a selection wisely, and you may find a rig like a Six-Pac camper that can bring a lot of camping fun your way.

The Six-Pac SC-150 RD camper here is a good example of the company's new line. At about 10,000 pounds (dry weight), it's light enough to carry on many pickup trucks, and its compact size means it fits those trucks' beds. At \$9,610, it's also a price such that a family on a tight budget can afford it.

Naturally, there's a cautionary note. Even though the Six-Pac fits on smaller shortbed trucks, it's important to pay close attention to the truck's gross vehicle weight rating, the camper's actual weight, and how much weight it's carrying in cargo, fluids

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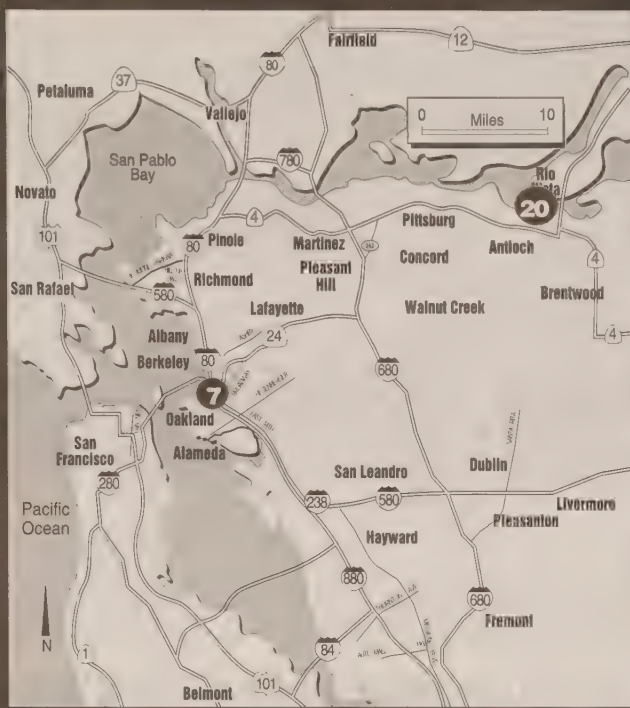
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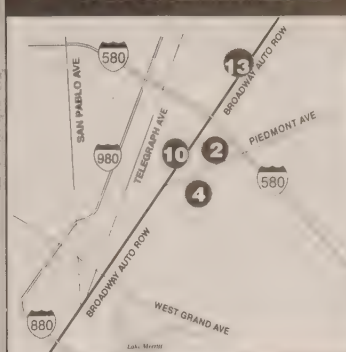


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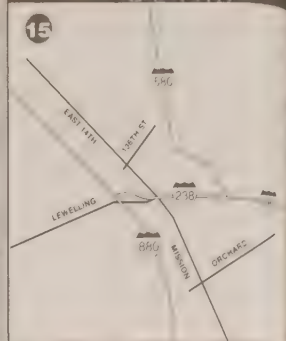
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9-2pm

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clothing, etc. More

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10/11-12/11 9-3pm  
(Off Ridgeway Rd.)  
Antiques, turn  
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collectibles, glassware,  
clothing, etc. More

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7050 Valley Dr.  
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SAT 10/11 9-12pm  
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SAT 10/11 9-12pm  
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and misc. items

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car, lawn chairs, books,  
household items, clothing,  
equip., tp. tools, and more  
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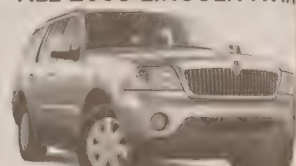
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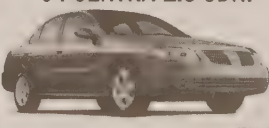
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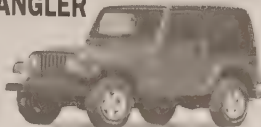
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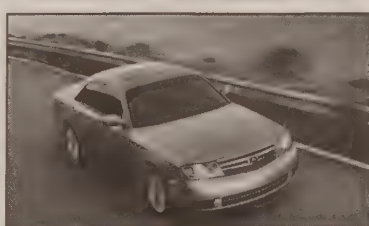
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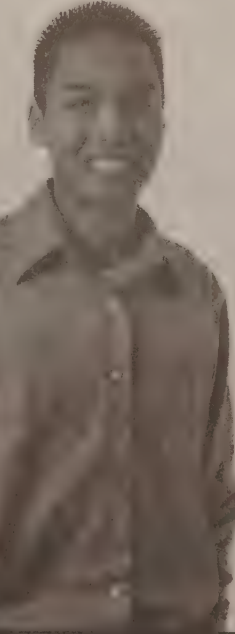
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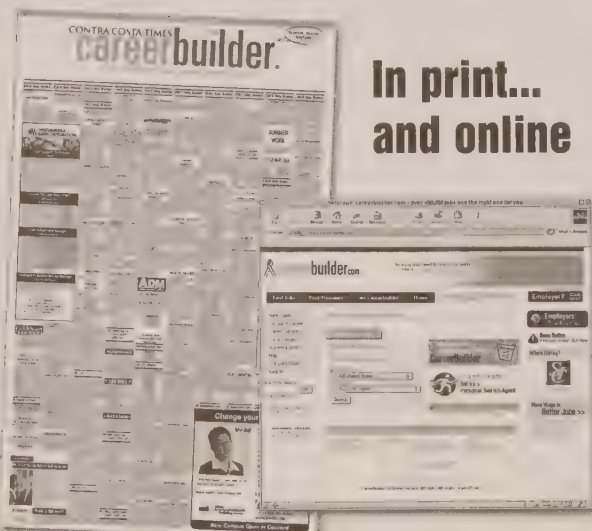


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